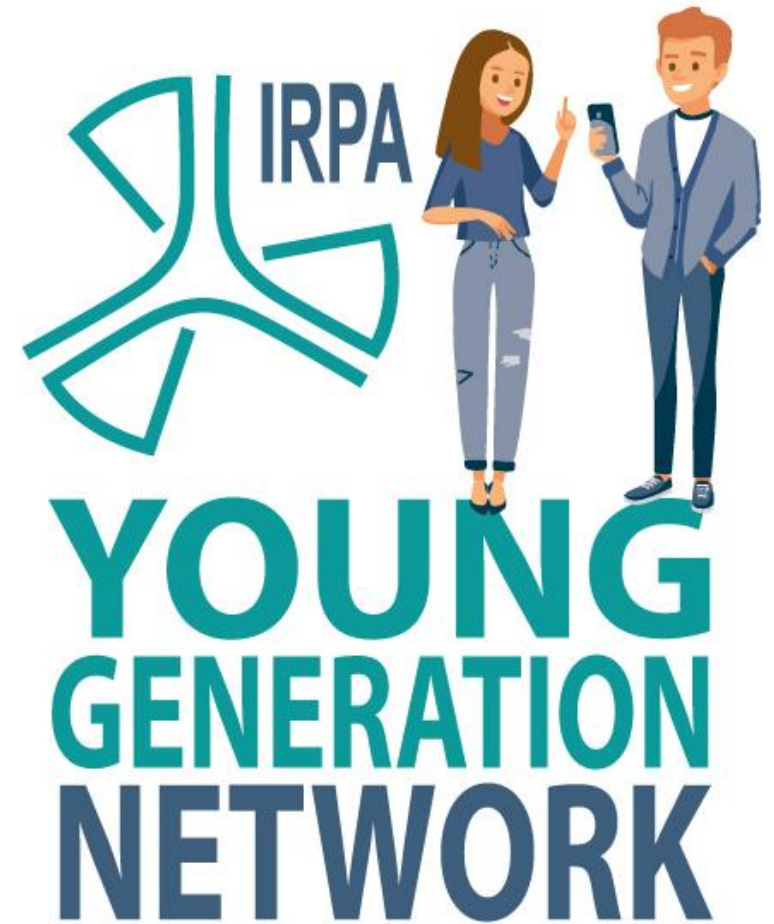


IRPA YGN Launch

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What is the IRPA YGN?

- An international network of “Young Professionals” across the field of Radiation Protection.
- Its primary function is to promote communication, collaboration and professional development of Students and Young Professionals in the area of Radiation Protection and its allied fields.
- Open to all members of national radiation protection YGN’s, and where a national YGN is not in place, students or professionals working within the first 10 years of the career in the field of radiation protection or its allied fields.



Our Mission

Our mission is:

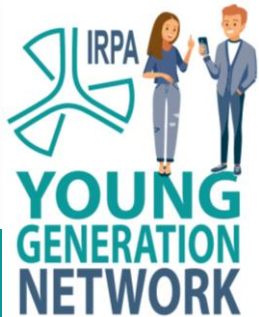
“To encourage, inspire and develop the next generation of radiation protection professionals across the world and promote the communication and collaboration of our members”



Our Objectives

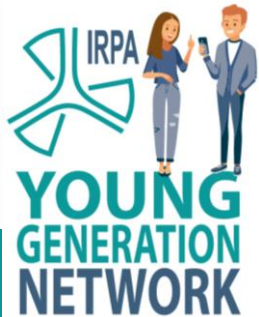
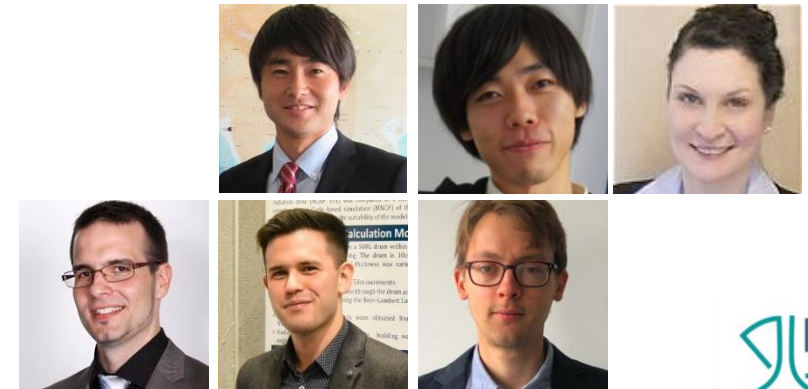
Underpinning our mission are the following core objectives. These will develop as the network grows and moves forward:

- Attracting individuals into the field of Radiation Protection, by engaging and inspiring them early in their career journeys.
- Enable the development of students and young professionals studying / working in the field of Radiation Protection by providing valuable personal and professional development and growth opportunities.
- Providing a supportive and growing community, promoting communication and collaboration to help retain young professionals working in the field of Radiation Protection.
- Improve the understanding of Radiation Protection and its allied fields across the world by being ambassadors for the field.



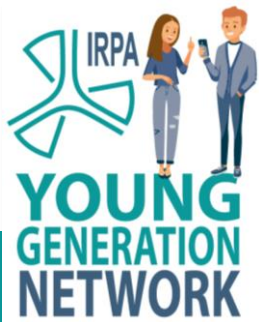
How is it organised / run?

- A IRPA YGN Leadership Committee was established in December 2017. The primary focus of the committee has been to establish the IRPA YGN.
- Going forward the committee will be driving the growth and development of the network in line with our Mission Statement and Objectives.
- Current representatives include:
 - Sylvain Andresz (France)
 - Peter Bryant & Jess Revill (UK)
 - Christoph Stettner (Austria)
 - Akihiro Sakoda & Takahiko Kono (Japan)
 - Cinthia Papp (Argentina)
 - Jin Sung Kim & Wi-Ho Ha (South Korea)



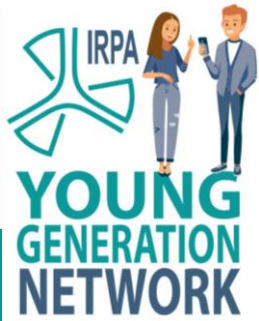
What have we been up to?

- A IRPA YGN section is to be added to the New IRPA Website. Webpages have been drafted including:
 - Details of the IRPA YGN and what it wants to achieve.
 - Details of the Leadership Group
 - Key Contacts in relevant countries
 - Details of IRPA YGN Events
 - Link to a Facebook Group Page (@IRPAYGN)
- Competition launched for the design of the IRPA YGN Logo.
- Call put out for YGN representatives to join various IRPA Work Groups / Committees.



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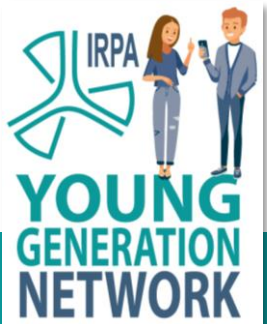
- An electronic survey was circulated to Young Professionals working in Radiation Protection (via the IRPA Associate Societies)
 - Aimed to understand the views of Young Professionals around the world working in RP
 - Opportunity to express their needs and wants.
- 256 answers from 27 countries
- Results now on-line: <https://tabsoft.co/2laIFEO> - Feel free to share!
- The results of the survey will be used to help inform the objectives of IRPA YGN going forward.



Next Steps

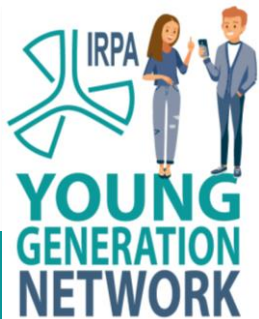
Further areas that have been discussed and will be developed in the future include:

- Keen to add new volunteers to the leadership committee with the aim of representing as many countries as possible.
- Development of Training. However, at current we feel this is a little way off.
- Development of a Mentoring System. A similar system has been developed by the UK Society for Radiological Protection and we will await feedback on its success prior to pursuing. (Initial indications are positive).



What do we want from you?

- Share your ideas (for events or areas you think need developing in the IRPA YGN) either via Facebook or Contact us directly!
- Volunteer to help organise events or to join the Leadership Committee.
- Attend events (details to be provided on Facebook and via the IPRA Website).
- Spread the word! We are here to support the “Young Professionals” across the field of Radiation Protection.



Thank You for Listening!

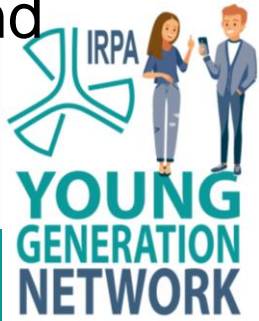
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Annex - Key Points from the Survey

- 1/3 respondents did not have specific training in RP - learnt 'on the job'!
- Employers:
 - Various kind of **training** implemented ⇒ However more training wanted by a large number of respondents.
 - **Overseas programme** not implemented and highly desired
- RP National Societies :
 - **YG club** (or equivalent) implemented + YG Award ⇒ But more still wanted by a large part of respondents.
 - **Mentorship / Tutorship + Links to Employers** not implemented and highly desired.



Annex - Key Points from the Survey

- Wants / Needs identified from open questions :
 - **Participation and the representation of the young generation at conferences** (national and international).
 - **Increased awareness and communication** about radioactivity and radiation protection toward the public and the students (e.g. lectures at university).
 - **Secure job opportunities** and **visible career** in radiation protection.
 - **Increased mentorship/tutorship** and **educational support**.
- Assessing the results (at different levels) can help to determine what issues need to be addressed and how these can be tackled in the future.

