The IRPA Young Generation Network in Italy: “a young network for young professionals”

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Some information

- Young network:
  - Initial idea after IRPA14 (Cape Town, May 2016)
  - Officially established at the end of 2016
  - Some initial initiatives in 2017 but still growing

- AIRP IRPA’s AS but situation in Italy a bit more complex...

  “With great power comes great responsibility”
  (Ben Parker, Spider-Man’s uncle, 2012)

  “With different professionals come different associations!”
  (Angelo Infantino, 2018)
The situation pre-YGN

- A few initiatives fully dedicated to young professionals

- Some associations already provide grants and awards for young professionals from years
  - AIFM (Medical Physicists) -> “Adele Rinaldi” award
    Award for the best work presented at the AIFM congress (under 35)
  - ANPEQ (RPEs) -> “Sara Cucchi” award
    Grant of € 3.000,00 for best Radiation Protection Expert under 35

- Reductions in association and registration fees for conferences and courses (20%-90%)

- Currently, no fully dedicated training courses for young professionals
Activities of the YGN

- **Harmonization** of the initiatives dedicated to young professionals among the different associations: Not easy task due to different needs and historical reasons.

- Creation of dedicated **communication channels**: in the era of Facebook classical mailing lists are outdated!
  - **Twitter** account already available (@ItalianIRPAYGN)
  - Facebook page planned
  - Association(s) **web site**
Activities of the YGN

AIRP took up the challenge to better **support** the carrier of young professionals and to **promote** initiatives fully dedicated to them:

- **“Premio Giovani 2017”** (under 40): M.Sc. Andrea Chierici
  - Dedicated session in the AIRP annual congress
  - 3 finalists: free congress registration and association to AIRP
  - € 1,500,00 grant for the winner
  - 2018 edition already approved

- National selection for **IRPA 2018 YPA**: Dr. Sara Vichi
  - Full coverage of the congress registration fee and travel expenses

- Dedicated **training courses** for young professionals (ONGOING)
  - 1-2 days intensive courses (free of charge for under 35) on topics of interest in RP (industry, medical, research, NORM, etc)
  - Trainings given from experts (possibly also international experts)
  - “Carlo Polvani” School involved (AIRP’s High Education School in Radiation Protection)
Summary

✓ “Young” network but motivated in promoting initiatives for young colleagues

✓ The network is still growing and consolidating: lot of work to be done!

✓ AIRP is actively working in promoting initiatives fully dedicated to YP

✓ Nothing is perfect: some obstacles along the way but also a few achievements!

✓ Hopefully, 2019 will see a dedicated series of training courses for YP

✓ Italy ready to contribute at an international level in activities promoted by the IRPA YGN