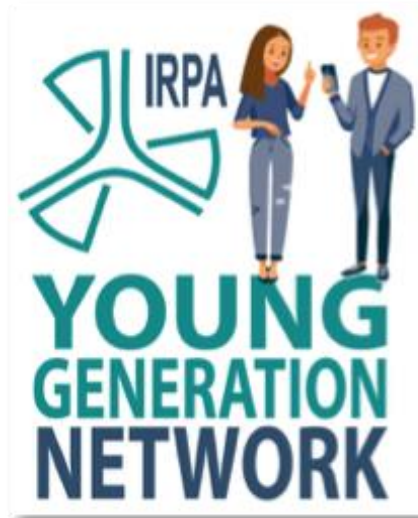
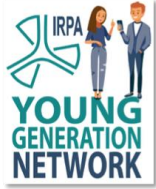




**International Radiation Protection
Association Young Generation
Network (IRPA YGN)**

Strategic Agenda for 2024 through 2028



Introduction

What is the IRPA YGN?

The IRPA Young Generation Network is 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.

Membership of the IRPA YGN is 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 vision

“To be recognised as the leading international network and voice for young professionals and students in the field of Radiation Protection”

Our mission

“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:

1. Attracting individuals into the field of Radiation Protection, by engaging and inspiring them early in their career journeys.
2. 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.
3. Providing a supportive and growing community, promoting communication and collaboration to help retain young professionals working in the field of Radiation Protection.
4. Improve the understanding of Radiation Protection and its allied fields across the world by being ambassadors for the field.



Why a strategic agenda?

The year 2024 also continues to expand and strengthen YGNs network with the official launch and presence of the IRPA YGN at IRPA regional congresses (mainly, Africa and Asia). The events were the opportunity for several international IRPA YGNs to meet and compare their experiences: these were first-of-its-kind events, and it showed good attendance and feedback. As such, the participation and the representation of the young generation within IRPA organisation and IRPA events should be supported and re-iterated in the future.

An important outcome of the event is that the international YGNs share common goals and have invested in addressing similar topics, in particular the promotion of the Radiation Protection sector – especially employment opportunities, and the development and support of students and young professionals studying or working in Radiation Protection. As the national YGNs have so far worked separately, we would like to encourage the transfer of knowledge and experience between the national YGNs. Particular emphasis will be placed on key and overarching issues such as professional development and how to attract the younger generation into the fields of Radiation Protection and, more generally, to develop and encourage communication to generate interest, emulation and enthusiasm between the national YGNs and our members. It will also help and support young professionals to set up a national YGN where one is not in place and there is an opportunity to do so.

However, to ensure the sustainable organisational growth of the IRPA YGN, the IRPA YGN cannot work alone. It should build relationships, cooperation and support with the national IRPA YGNs, the Executive Council of IRPA and IRPA organisation, as well as other organisations with an interest in the young radiation protection generation.

This document has been developed to outline how the IRPA YGN intends to address these 5 key themes over the coming years and to ensure that these activities are aligned with the vision and objectives. The next Strategic Agenda will be reviewed in 2028 in conjunction with the IRPA Strategic Agenda.

Young Professionals as well as more experienced members of IRPA are encouraged to provide comments on this living document.

Because little streams make big river, every piece of enthusiasm is very welcome!

Takahiko Kono, Chair of the IRPA YGN Leadership Committee



The Strategic Agenda

Representation of the young generation

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| RYG-1 | Support the participation and the representation of the YGN at IRPA regional congresses. |
| RYG-2 | Plan special events for next IRPA inter/national Congresses. |
| RYG-3 | Identify other events that can be used to promote the YGN. |
| RYG-4 | Encourage participation of YGN members in IRPA Task Groups and Committees. |

Professional development

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| PD-1 | Make the early careers of YGN members visible through career profiles. |
| PD-2 | IRPA refresher course programme: connect with organisers of IRPA congresses to help design some refresher courses suitable for young professionals and scientists (good experience). Promote the refresher course. |
| PD-3 | Work with EUTERP to help promote job opportunities in Radiation Protection ¹ . |
| PD-4 | Collaborate with EUTERP to help compile a list of training courses in Radiation Protection available for each country ² . |

¹ via website of the EUTERP Foundation

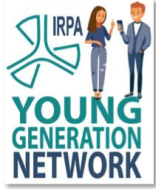
² via EUTERP database

Experience transfer

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| ET-1 | Maintain a list of initiatives implemented by national YGNs, make it visible and collect feedback and experience from the implementation of these initiatives. Focus on the most innovative ones. |
| ET-2 | Quarterly online (Lectures on special topics on RP). |
| ET-3 | Collect and collate relevant materials (e.g. presentations) and make them available to others. |
| ET-4 | For very new & not yet established YGNs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify and kick-off new YGNs where opportunities exist;• Provide support and assistance to help set up of YGNs; Collect best practices and experiences from YGNs on this topic and share their insights (e.g. <i>'How to start a YGN and benefits'</i>). |

Relationship

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| IR-1 | Promote and maintain relationships among the YGNs, the IRPA organization and other organizations with an interest in the young generation. |
| IR-2 | Support YGNs in networking by enhancing the existing list on the IRPA YGN website with additional national contact persons (e.g., Chair of the national YGN). |
| IR-3 | Aim to increase the number of national YGNs on the IRPA YGN Leadership Committee and maintain a list of IRPA YGN members. |
| IR-4 | Demonstrate the success of the surveys conducted by IRPA YGN by submitting the results and findings of the 2024 survey for publication. Conduct future surveys, with topics to be determined based on available opportunities. |



Communication

CO-1 Maintain regular meetings(mainly online) of the IRPA YGN Leadership Committee and report to the Executive Committee.

CO-2 IRPA YGN website¹

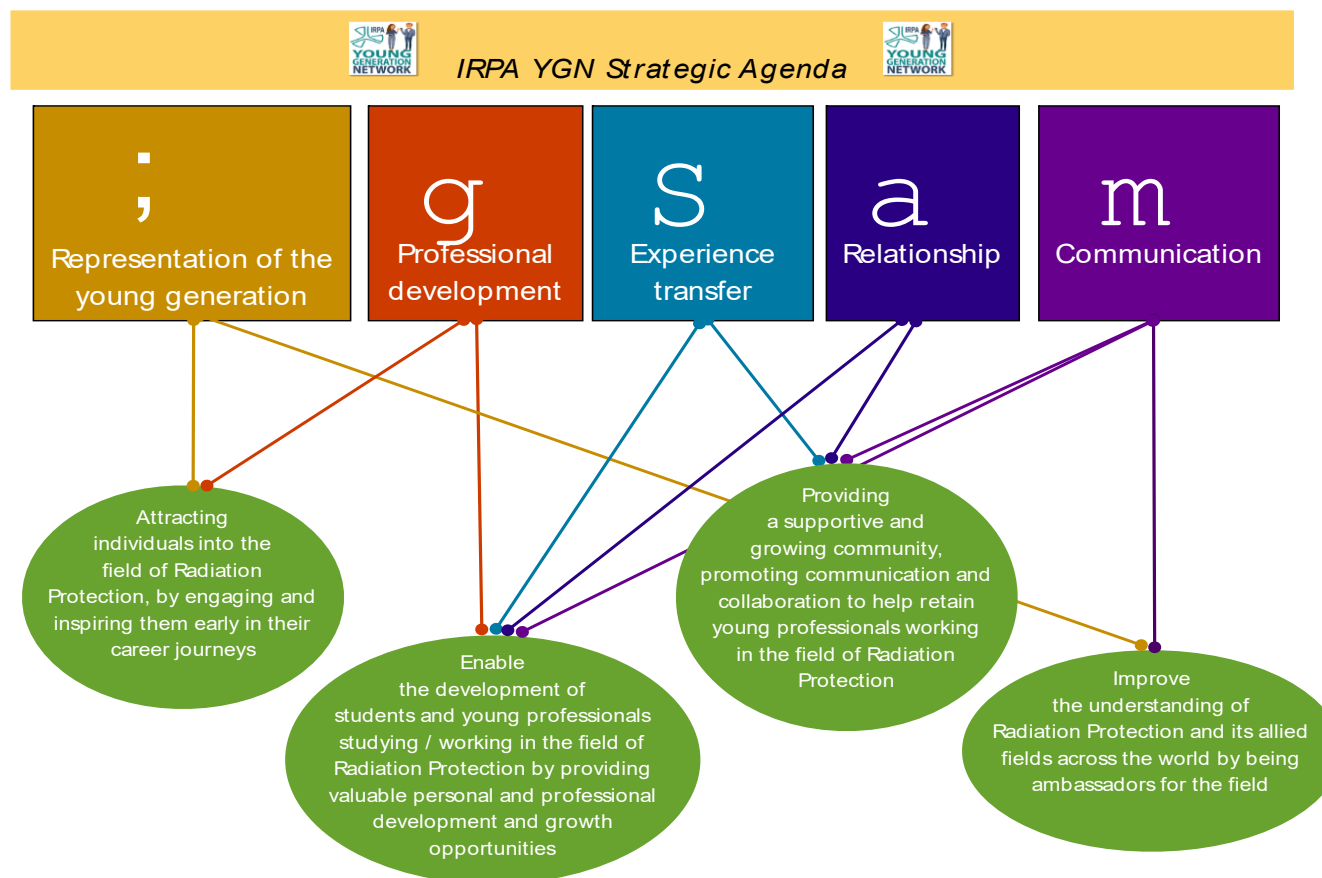
- Update the website to be in line with the Strategic Agenda²;
- Maintain the website with relevant announcements and upload material;
- Make regular updates;
- Collect metrics.

CO-3 Create and update an IRPA YGN presentation (e.g. ppt) that can be used by each IRPA YGN Leadership Committee member to promote of the network.

CO-4 Contribute to the IRPA Bulletin and LinkedIn.

¹ in collaboration with IRPA Webmaster.

² In particular upload material from PD-1, ET-1, ET-3, IR-2, IR-3



Topics of the Strategic Agenda and links with the IRPA YGN Objectives. (; g s a m stands for: Representation, Growth/Guidance, Sharing/Support, Association/Alliances, and Messaging/Media)