



BVS-ABR workshop

How do radiation protection associations engage with society?

IRPA Workshop "Communication and public engagement of IRPA Societies"
13th June 2018

The first International Radiation Protection Association (IRPA) regional workshop on '**Communication and public engagement of IRPA Societies**' to collect good practices, explore ideas and identify needs for inclusion in the '*IRPA guiding principles for communicating and engagement with the public.*'

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Workshop Program

- 16.45 Chair's welcome and introduction of the program, Michel Ceuppens + Welcome BVS-ABR President, Michel Sonck
- 16.50 Key note speech of Hiroko Yoshida-Ohuchi, President Technical Group on Public Understanding – IRPA
- 17.00 Overview IRPA Workshop @ IRPA 2018 in The Hague, 4-8 june by Roger Coates, IRPA President
- 17.05 Panel introduction & presentation of different current national practices by national Radioprotection Associations from the Netherlands, Italy, UK, Spain and Belgium
- 17.20 Open discussion about pertinent issues
- 17.50 Wrap up summarizing the first results
- 18.00 Finish

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Panel

- Paul van Rooijen (The Netherlands)
Dutch Society for Radiation Protection, NVS
- Marie Claire Cantone (Italy)
Italian Association of Radiation Protection, AIRP
- Jennifer Humphries (UK)
Society for Radiological Protection, SRP
- Eduardo Gallego (Spain)
Sociedad Española de Protección Radiológica, SEPR
- Michel Sonck (Belgium)
Belgian Society for Radiation Protection, BVS-ABR

Discussion issues, among others...

- What is the role related to public information, communication and transparency of different associations towards the public?
- How to ensure recognition of associations as the stakeholder in radiation protection issues?
- What are challenges that associations are faced with and what are good practices in communication and stakeholder engagement?
- How to share RP knowledge and how to put it in the best possible perspective for the public?
- Should the role of associations be limited to communication in a case of emergency event, to educate or/and to provide advice in public debates related to radiation risks and benefits that are currently very active in many countries?