

Dr. R. Julian Preston Named ICRP Main Commission Emeritus Member

We are pleased to announce the status of ICRP Main Commission Member Emeritus was unanimously bestowed upon Dr. R. Julian Preston at meetings held in Lima, Peru last week. This honorary distinction is not only an expression of appreciation, but a testament to Julian's extraordinary contributions to ICRP and Radiological Protection worldwide.

With this addition, Dr. Preston joins a select list of professionals and leaders that have been foundational and irreplaceable to the system of RP to be recognised as Emeritus Members.



Dr. Preston was chair of Committee 1, and a past member of the Main Commission. He is an associate editor of Environmental and Molecular Mutagenesis, and has had more than 200 peer-reviewed papers and chapters published. He has served on the National Research Council's (NRC's) Committee to Assess the Scientific Information for the Radiation Exposure Screening and Education Program and the Task Group on the Biological Effects of Space Radiation.

He has also served various senior director roles at the United States EPA, and as senior science advisor at the Chemical Industry Institute of Toxicology. He has been employed at the Biology Division of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and has served as associate director for the Oak Ridge University of Tennessee Graduate School for Biomedical Sciences. Dr. Preston joined the United States delegation to UNSCEAR in 1997 and served as alternate representative between the fifty-seventh and sixtieth sessions (2010-2013), and the representative thereafter.

He received his B.A. and M.A. from Peterhouse, Cambridge University, England, in genetics and his Ph.D. from Reading University, England, in radiation genetics. His research activities have focused on the mechanisms of radiation and chemical carcinogenesis and the approaches for incorporating these types of data into cancer risk assessments.

We would like to thank, and congratulate, Dr. Preston for his years of dedication to the System of Radiological Protection. Members, associates, and the public will all benefit from his continued involvement in ICRP for years to come.