

# Introduction – Setting the Science

**ICRP Workshop “30 Years of Scientific Achievements  
for International Radiological Protection: Summary of  
the Southern Urals Health Studies Program”**

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**ICRP** INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON RADIOLOGICAL PROTECTION  
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# International Commission on Radiological Protection

- Established in 1928
- **Independent, international, non-governmental** organisation working for the **public benefit**
- **Charity** relying on voluntary contributions
- ~400 experts from ~50 countries volunteering their time
- **Underpins all ionising RP standards, legislation, and practice world-wide**



# 410 Members from 54 Countries

as of 15 March 2024



# 2024 - 2028 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

# ICRP

International Commission  
on Radiological Protection

Guiding Radiological  
Protection Since 1928

## KEEP THE SYSTEM OF RADIOLOGICAL PROTECTION FIT FOR PURPOSE

### Key Actions

Regularly evaluate:

- Advances in science and society
- Technological developments
- Emerging domains needing radiological protection guidance

Identify and encourage research to support radiological protection

Review the System of Radiological Protection, working towards an update of the General Recommendations

# ICRP Structure

**Main Commission**

**Scientific Secretariat**

Committee 1  
Effects

Committee 2  
Doses

Committee 3  
Medicine

Committee 4  
Application

Task Groups

# This Workshop

- Provides an overview on DOE's Russian Health Studies Program which had been initiated in 1994;
- Is organised together with the Joint Coordinating Committee for Radiation Effects Research (JCCRER), a binational committee representing federal agencies in the United States and the Russian Federation;
- Summarises results of studies on the workforce of the Mayak production association (PA) and on the residents along the Techa river contaminated by Mayak PA radioactive releases;
- Addresses epidemiology and dosimetry results.

# Caveat: This Workshop does not ...

- ... address any projects in the Southern Urals that had been funded by the European Commission;
- For example, results of SOLO, SOUL and other projects initiated in the early 1990s and later are not considered here;
- These EC-funded projects were performed together with institutions in the Russian Federation, and in close contact with institutions from the United States.



# Relevance of those Studies for International Radiological Protection

- All these joint projects were performed in the spirit of cooperation for the benefit of science.
- They provide valuable and indispensable input for ICRP to review and revise the System of Radiological Protection, for the benefit of all.



# Contributions to this Workshop

**Scientific Advances by Project plus key results** including dosimetry and Epidemiology – presented by American and Russian scientists

## **Scientific Achievements and Their Use in ICRP Recommendations**

- Overview on Committee 1 Activities Relevant to the Studies - Dominique Laurier
- Presentation of ICRP *Publication 150: Cancer Risk from Exposure to Plutonium and Uranium* - Richard Wakeford
- Presentation of Task Group 91: Radiation Risk Inference at Low-dose and Low-dose Rate Exposure for Radiological Protection Purposes - Werner Rühm
- Overview on Committee 2 Activities Relevant to the Studies - Alexander Ulanowski
- Dose Coefficients - Derek Jokisch

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