**Survey from the IRPA Task Group on Public Understanding of Radiation and Risk**

Following the release of the IRPA Practical Guidance for Engagement with the Public on Radiation and Risk on the IRPA website in October 2020, the IRPA Task Group on Public Understanding of Radiation and Risk is seeking views on the practicality of the Guidance, and ongoing challenges faced by the profession and on gaps that still could be addressed by the IRPA Task Group.

This short survey should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete and all views from individuals of Associate Society (AS) members would be greatly appreciated.

The output of this survey will be used to help inform the future activities of IRPA Task Group on Public Understanding of Radiation and Risk.

**Deadline for submission of your responses is 31st August 2023**.

**For those who cannot connect to Google, please fill out this Word file and send it to the email address below.**

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1. Which country do you currently work / reside in?
2. Are you a member of a Radiation Protection AS and if so which AS are you a member of?

a. Yes, I’m a member of ( )

b. No

1. What is your expertise? Tick all that apply.
   1. Research
   2. Education
   3. Medicine
   4. Regulatory
   5. Industry
   6. Others ( )

4. How many years of experience do you have in radiation protection field?

a. Less than 1 year

b. 1-5 years

c. 6-10 years

d. More than 10 years

5. Have you ever been involved in communicating radiation risk to the public? (residents, patients, media, etc.) or are you interested in communicating with the public?

1. Yes (if Yes go to Question 6)
2. No (if No go to Question 16)

6. How often are you involved in communicating radiation risk to the public?

a. Frequently (daily/weekly)

b. Occasionally (monthly)

c. Rarely (a few times a year)

d. Very rarely (less than once a year)

e. Never

7. Are you aware of the IRPA Practical Guidance for Engagement with the Public on Radiation and Risk that has been published in 2020? And if so how did you hear about it?

1. Yes, through Social Media (if Yes go to Question 8)
2. Yes, through my Associate Society (if Yes go to Question 8)
3. Yes, through IRPA (if Yes go to Question 8)
4. Yes, recommended via a Contact (if Yes go to Question 8)
5. No (if No go to Question 15)

8. Have you read the Guidance?

1. Yes (if Yes go to Question 9)
2. No (if No go to Question 11)

9. Which sections of the Guidance did you find particular useful? Tick all that apply.

1. Why engage with the public?
2. Who are the public?
3. Underpinning Considerations
4. Communications and engagement strategy
5. Good practices in communication
6. Use of different media
7. Guidance for specific situations
8. The Role of Radiation Protection Associate Societies
9. The Role of Individual Radiation Protection Professionals
10. Supporting information and general references

10. Which sections of the Guidance do you consider require a deeper approach? Tick all that apply.

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11. Do you believe there is a need for additional guidance on communicating radiation and risk?

1. Yes (If Yes go to Question 12)
2. No (If No go to Question 16)

12. Which of the following areas/scenarios do you feel are challenging when communicating radiation and risk?

1. Public Outreach (e.g. Educating the Public, for instance as part of a Science Fair or in School). (Go to Question 13)
2. Communicating with the Public in support of Emergency Planning or in the Event of a Radiation Incident. (Go to Question 13)
3. Communicating with Patients as part of a Medical Diagnosis or Treatment. (Go to Question 13)
4. Communicating with a public related to NORM sites
5. Communicating with a public related to radon.
6. Communicating with a public related to existing or planned new nuclear power plant
7. Communicating with a public related to use of radiation for industrial purposes.
8. Communicating with a public related to military activity or application (e.g. depleted uranium)
9. Communicating with the Public about Non-Ionising Radiation. (Go to Question 13)
10. None of the above (Go to Question 16).

13. Why do you believe these are particularly challenging?

14. What type of guidance would you like to see developed?

1. Short Practitioners Guidance on Particular Topics. (Go to Question 16).
2. Development of a Syllabus / Training for Communicating Radiation Risk. (Go to Question 16).
3. Development of Generic Messaging that could be used to support the Communicating of Radiation Risk. (Go to Question 16).
4. An expansion of the existing IRPA Practical Guidance for Engagement with the Public on Radiation and Risk. (Go to Question 16).
5. Other suggestions? Please add here.

15. Is there any reason you have not read the guidance?

1. Not had the opportunity
2. Do not believe it would meet your requirements
3. Other

16. Do you have any other comments or suggestions for the Task Group to consider?