



Education & Training: Role & initiative of IRPA

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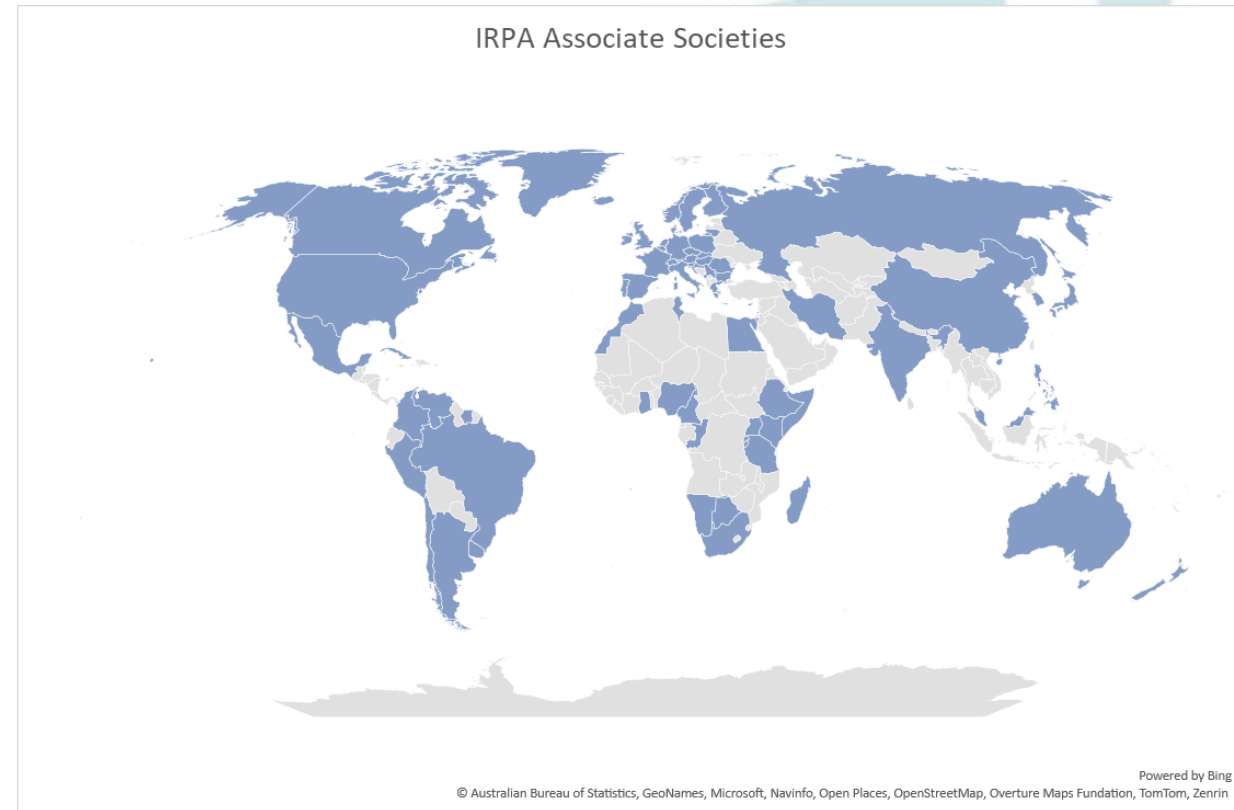
IRPA is the international voice of the Radiation Protection Profession

- association of national / regional societies
- promotes global enhancement of RP competence, RP culture and practice

Approx. 54 AS representing over 73 countries



IRPA Associate Societies





Executive Council Priorities for the 2024-2028 Term

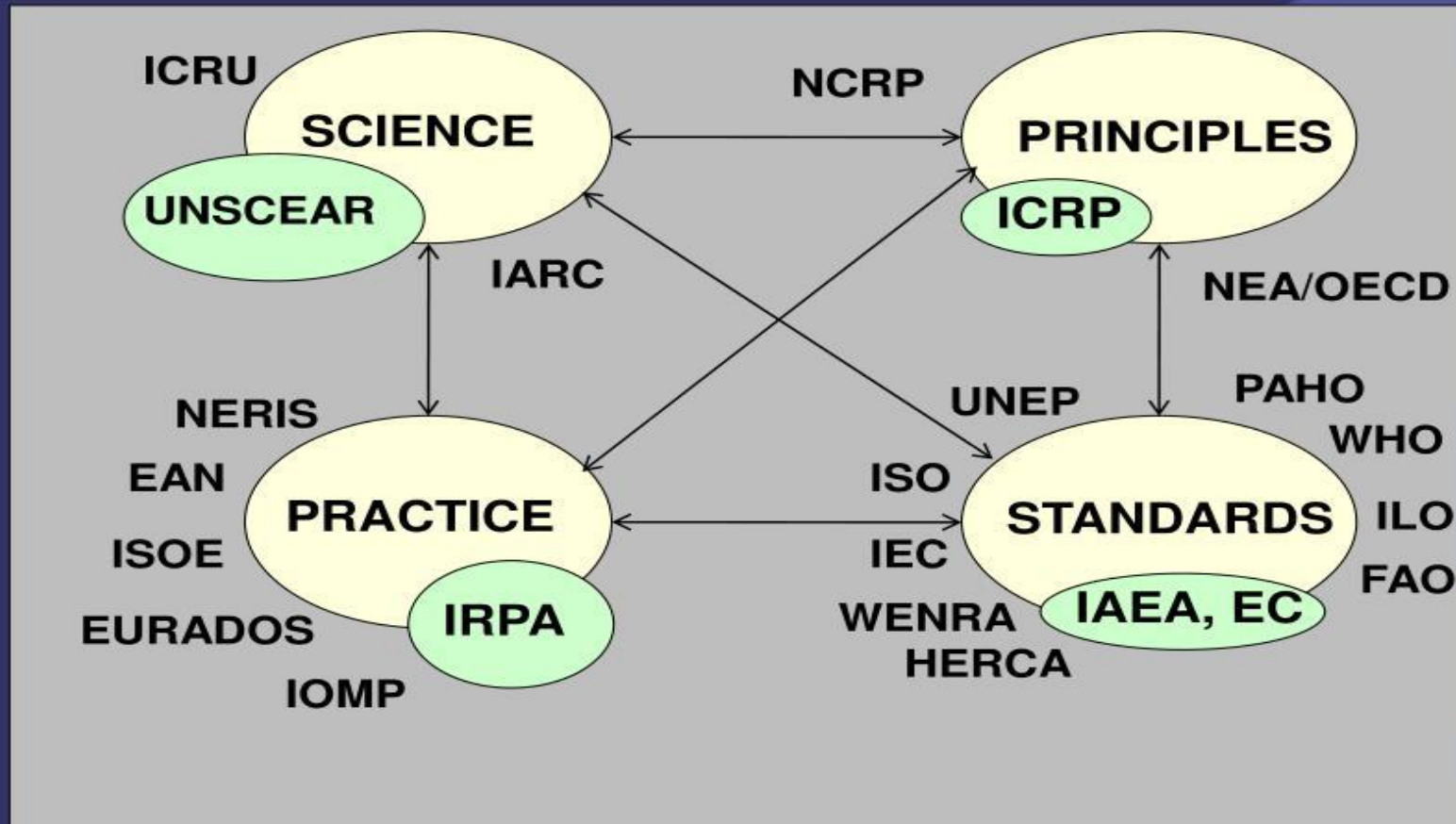
1. Support IRPA 17 Valencia & IRPA Regional Congresses in 2026 and 2027
2. Promote mechanisms for members of Associate Societies and individual radiation protection professionals everywhere to communicate/collaborate with each other and participate in IRPA activities.
 - (Focus on struggling societies, countries without an associate society, and young professionals and scientists.)
 - Considering how to support active participation within and among The IRPA Young Generation Network
3. Review, support, and promote the work of existing IRPA Task Groups.
4. Strengthen IRPA governance.



Introduction



The Pillars of Radiation Protection





Introduction

- E&T is the starting point for adequate RP and a sound RP Culture
- IRPA Task Group on Radiation Protection Education & Training established (IRPA EC meeting No.81-02)



Key Tasks TG (summary)

- To develop initiatives for online or e-learning activities (refreshers courses etc) focusing on operational radiation protection
- To revise and update the IRPA website regarding the information on RP Education & Training – depending on the needs of the AS
 - To revise and update the IRPA Guidance on Certification of RP Experts (2016)
 - To contribute to guidance material for Radiation Protection Experts and Radiation Protection Officers
- To provide feedback on a draft IAEA document on competences for RPEs and RPOs



TG on Radiation Protection E&T

- Current membership (June '26): 46 members
 - Representatives from 22 Associate Societies (AIRP, ANARAP, ARPS, BVS-ABR, CRPA, CRPS, FS, GARP, HPS, IARP, IRPA-ERP, JARP, MARPA, NSFS, NSRP, NVS, REPS-HPS, RPAS, SAR, SEPR, SFRP and SRP) – i.e. from all continents
 - Representatives from Myanmar, UAE & Jordan
 - Four representatives from IRPA Young Generation Network
 - Representatives from EUTERP (and implicitly ICRP)



TG Working Groups

- Three key tasks – three priorities → three Working Groups
 - WG1: IRPA contributing to CPD → IRPA refresher webinars
 - WG2: Feedback on draft IAEA document (competences for RPEs/QEs and RPOs)
 - WG3: Update of information on E&T (and Qualification & Certification) on IRPA's website



WG1 – IRPA Refresher Webinars

- Main characteristics
 - aim: 6 – 8 refresher webinars annually from 2027 onwards
 - 1 h lectures, followed by up to 30 min Q&A / Discussion
 - No registration fee
 - Certificate of attendance
- First topics:
 - Radiation Shielding in Interventional Work (late September / early Oct. '26)
 - Introduction to NORM – the NORM Handbook (2nd half November '26)
 - Aspects of the LNT-model (1st half February '27)



WG3 – Update IRPA website (E&T)

- Priorities – Working Plan 2026 – 2027
 - Reviewing and updating current documents on qualification and certification
 - Collecting information on education and training courses from international organizations and IRPA associated societies
- IRPA Website currently under revision (completion by the end of 2026)



WG2 – Feedback on IAEA draft

- Chair: Latha Vasudevan (HPS)
- Secretary: Tamás Pázmándi (REPS-HPS)
- Work pending publication of the draft document IAEA Safety Report ‘Building Competence for RPOs and QEs in RP’
 - IRPA is formally asked to provide feedback as an endorsing organization
 - Andrea Luciani (IAEA) presented background and status of the draft
- Cooperation with EUTERP in organization of this workshop



Final remarks

- IRPA Task Group on RP E&T likely to become permanent
- IRPA wishes:
 - to intensify the collaboration with EUTERP
 - on developing (guidance for) competences for RPEs & RPOs
 - on sharing information on Education & Training initiatives
 - us all a fruitful workshop!

Thank you!