

Radiation Physics and Protection at Africa and Middle East

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Among the current activities in Africa and Middle East are the followings

1- January Activities

1-1 Africa regional congress

The President of International Radiation Protection Association Ken Kase visited Nairobi and met the local organizing committee of the 3rd all Africa Regional Radiation Protection Congress and Dr A Mustafa Chairman of the Congress committee . The regional congress shall be held at September 2010(19-23). You are invited to attend this congress. <http://irpa-egypt.com/2010.pdf>

1-2 Cairo Radiation Protection Workshop

With the help of several supporting organizational organizations, International Commission for Radiological Protection (ICRP), International Labor Organization(ILO), Arab Atomic Energy Authority(AAEA)and National Radiation Physics Network of Egyptian Atomic Energy Authority(EAEA). IRPA Egypt , ENSNA and MERRCAC.

Among the speakers J-F Lecomite member of Committee 4 of the ICRP. From ILO Senior Physicists Niu .From AAEA Dr Mosbah and from Tunisia Dr Hannou. From Sudan Dr Osman and from Libonon Mr Dihini. and and from UAE Ms Bushra. From Mobinil Mr Issa. Myself and Others. It was attended by 10 participants from outside Egypt and 40 Egyptians

The workshop which was aimed to inform workshop participants about two new ICRP recommendations these are The 2007 ICRP recommendations (ICRP-10-3) and Radiation Protection in Medicine (ICRP-105).

Among the outcome of the workshop the followings

- 1- The French translation of ICRP-103 is displayed at the internet.
- 2- Arabic translation of ICRP-105 is in progress by a Africa and middle east group headed by Mr Dihini.
Translational costs and printing expenses shall be covered by AAEA.
- 3- To encourage African medical Physicists to form Medical Physics Societies and to join African Federation of medical Physics (AFOMP). AFOMP is part of International organization of Medical Physics.
- 4- Acknowledge the role MEFOMP in improving the status of Medical Physics in the Middle East
- 5- To encourage radiation physicists and radiation protection experts to form Radiation Protection Societies in Africa and Middle East to Join ARPA International
- 6- To conduct workshops in the following topics
Safety Culture. Radiation and Nuclear Emergencies. Protection Against Non Ionizing Radiation. Handling of Batteries and computer wastes.

2. Other activities

2-1 IRPA -To encourage Radiation experts to go through draft 3.0 documents of IAEA Safety Standards for protecting people and the environment for comments.

www-ns.iaea.org/downloads/standards/drafts/ds379.

2-2 Medical physicists are invited to participant in Radiation Medicine conference to be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from 1-4 March 2010 .

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