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The Hague, The Netherlands

Encouraging Sustainability  
in Radiation Protection

# SUSTAINABILITY IN RADIATION PROTECTION



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**INVITATION**

Dear colleagues,

Since 2002, radiation protection professionals from all over Europe and beyond have met every four years at regional European IRPA congresses. The Dutch Society for Radiation Protection (NVS) is pleased to host the next congress in this series. The 5<sup>th</sup> European IRPA Congress is scheduled to take place from 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 in the wonderful city of The Hague, The Netherlands.

The historical city of The Hague is not only the administrative center of the Netherlands, but is also famous for its international institutions like the International Court of Justice and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. The Hague also aims to be a major player in security matters, a fact that became widely known when the city hosted the Nuclear Security Summit in 2014 in our congress venue, the World Forum.



With the theme “Encouraging Sustainability in Radiation Protection”, the congress will focus on the various aspects needed to make sure that we have, and will continue to have, adequate equipment, staff and resources to protect human health and our environment against the adverse effects of ionising and non-ionising radiation. Consequently, activities for and by the younger generation of radiation protection professionals will be strongly supported.

The core committees organising the scientific, technical and social programme of the congress started their work earlier in 2015. We are grateful for the support of the UK Society for Radiological Protection (SRP) in establishing our scientific programme. Active participation of other European Associate Societies is anticipated upon during 2016.



The five day programme of the congress will offer us a whole range of plenary, parallel and poster sessions on all relevant scientific and operational topics in radiation protection, as well as plenty of opportunities for exhibitors. More importantly, the congress offers radiation protection professionals the opportunity to interact and exchange experiences among each other, thereby contributing to the theme of our congress.

I really do hope that you will be able to disseminate the announcement of this congress as widely as possible and that you will also be able to attend and contribute to the success of the 5<sup>th</sup> European IRPA Congress!



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