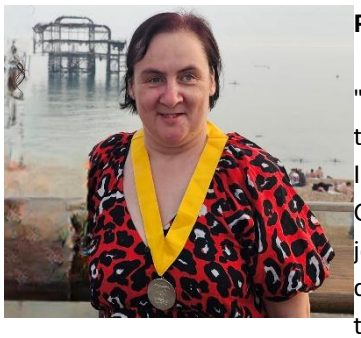
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President's Christmas Blog

"I really enjoyed the Annual Conference this year which took place at the University of Sussex in September, and equally more so because I became President of AURPO. I'd like to say a big thank you to Pete Cole who handed over the Presidency to me, he did a fantastic job. I'd like to remind all delegates that the presentations from both days are available to view on our website; if you need a reminder of the password, please email admin@aurpo.org.uk . All members can view the photos from the Annual Conference and there are some great ones.

"The location for the 2024 Annual Conference will be revealed very shortly, indeed I'm hoping that we'll be able to announce this in January's newsletter. Tim Coldwell (Secretary), Oliver Preedy (Treasurer), Tessa Harris (Harris Associates) and I are visiting the potential venue in early January and we're very confident that this University will be the correct place for AURPO to hold its Annual Conference. If you ever fancy hosting the Annual Conference at your university, please do get in touch.

"We held a separate workshop and forum to the Annual Conference this year and we're hoping to continue holding other workshops in 2024 to bring even more benefits to our members; alongside continuing our partnership with The Society for Radiological Protection by helping to organise even more free webinars which you can earn CPD points from. Please remember that you can still watch past webinars and email SRP in order to receive your 'confirmation of attendance' email so that you can claim CPD points.

"I'm always open to new ideas which AURPO can implement, so please feel free to contact admin@aurpo.org.uk who will pass your message along to me.

"Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Annual Conference next year."

Julie Turner, President

Job Opportunity: Radiation Protection Advisor

From £64,117, Preston

National Nuclear Laboratory (NNL) is looking for a Radiation Protection Advisor to provide radiological protection (RP) advice, champion and foster an environment for change and adopt industry RP best practices. You'll maximise independently recognised RP knowledge and experience (e.g. CRadP, RPA) to influence and guide a broad range of stakeholders on adoption of proportionate RP practices that support the growth of the NNL Preston facility. You'll collaborate and work with a broad range of internal subject matter experts, such as design, nuclear safety assessors and technical specialists to ensure the facility radiological risks are managed to as low as reasonably practicable. Closing date is **7 January 2024**.

Job Opportunities: Five New Roles at the University of Manchester

The University of Manchester has been a centre for ideas that change the world since 1824. Right now it is creating a UK first-of-a-kind capability for alpha-materials research. This pioneering endeavour will bridge the gap between what can be achieved conventionally, in academia, and what can be achieved in specialist facilities, primarily located on nuclear-licensed sites. This will represent a significant step change for the UK in innovative nuclear research, and a key development platform for the expert nuclear workforce of the future. It is now recruiting a brand-new Nuclear Compliance Team to ensure an unrivalled and sustained level of radiological protection governance, compliance, and assurance, as a key enabler for this world leading capability. It is looking to recruit:

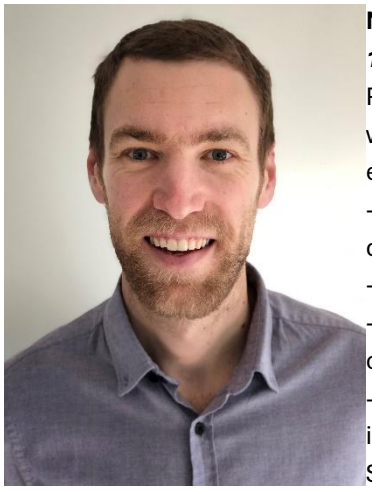
- Nuclear Compliance Safety Lead £45,585-£56,021
- Nuclear Compliance Environment Lead £36,024 - £44,263
- Nuclear Compliance Health Physics Lead £36,024-£44,263
- Nuclear Compliance Security Lead £36,024-£44,263
- Radiation Technical Advisor £36,024 - £44,263

More details and application procedure are available on their website. Closing date is **8 January 2024**.



Encouraging New AURPO Members

AURPO's Executive Committee has set up a sub-committee to look at current membership and how to encourage new members into the association. The group will also be looking at how they can encourage and enhance attendance at regional AURPO groups. To help them with this, they are planning to send out a short questionnaire to all current members. Please keep a look out for this in your inboxes (or spam) as we would be grateful if you could spare some time to give your views in this area.



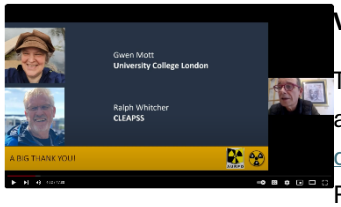
New Free Webinar: Environmental Safety Cases

15 February 2024, 12:00 - 13:00 (GMT)

Presented by Sam Stead (LLWR), this webinar will provide a whistlestop tour of the fundamentals of disposal safety and environmental safety cases (ESCs). Topics will include:

- What ESCs are, and where they fit in the regulatory and legal context;
- An overview of the ESC for the LLWR disposal system;
- Challenges associated with demonstrating environmental safety of an operating disposal site;
- The radiological protection principles that apply when considering impacts on future generations

Sam is a Nuclear Waste Services' Environmental Safety Case Lead for the Low Level Waste Repository (LLWR). He is responsible for managing and developing the Environmental Safety Case for the LLWR site. He leads a dedicated team of disposal safety experts tasked with ensuring disposals are safe, both for the public and wider environment.



Varskin - An Introduction to the new SkinDose Module

This webinar took place late November and had 364 people register to attend! The video is available to view on our Partner Society's YouTube channel. A big thank you to AURPO members Gwen Mott (UCL) and Ralph Whitcher (CLEAPSS) for presenting; we're hopefully looking at future webinars which will be focused on EyeDose, WoundDose and NeutronDose.

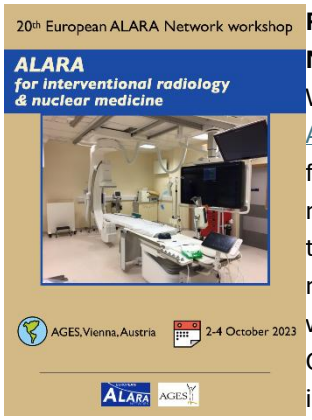
Reminder: HSE UPDATE – Re-registration of x-ray generators, RADAN

If you hold a registration which includes x-ray generators granted before 1 October 2023, HSE will contact you regarding re-registering through RADAN; the new digital platform replacing BSSD. If you have already received an email from the HSE regarding re-registering on their new RADAN portal, you must ensure that you create a new account and re-register through RADAN within 3 months of the date of their email. It's a legal requirement to complete and, if you fail to respond, HSE may revoke your registration. If you have not received a re-registration email from the HSE by **31 December 2023**, then please go directly to the portal, create a new account and proceed to complete your re-registration. All re-registrations need to be completed by **31 March 2024**.

The following has come from the HSE: "It is possible that we couldn't migrate all duty holder details from BSSD to RADAN, so you need to please create a new account. You can do this by the start now button and then sign up, on the next page. Then input the email you want to use (this does not need to be the one used in BSSD) and click verify. Once you've got your code, walk through the page's inputting your details. You'll get to a page with lots of tick boxes and drop-down tabs. Please only tick the box relevant to you in registration and ignore the notify and consent boxes.

If you have already completed this process and have received your new Certificate of Registration then no further action is needed.

If your site currently holds a consent, you will be contacted separately by HSE regarding re-application. If you have any further questions, please contact and discuss your appointed RPA.



Report of EAN Workshop on Interventional Radiology & Nuclear Medicine

We're pleased to share with our members a report on the European ALARA Network (EAN) Workshop held on 2-4 October in Vienna. Its focus was the application of the optimisation principle in interventional radiology and new nuclear medicine radiopharmaceuticals as well as the culture required to enable and support ALARA in these settings. The report was prepared by Hugh Wilkins whose participation in this workshop was financially supported by our partner Society SRP and its Committee for Liaison with IRPA and Partner Societies (CLIPS) which includes AURPO.



SRP Careers Event

21 March 2024, University of Birmingham, The Great Hall

Partner Society, SRP, is hosting a one day careers event in Birmingham which will encourage students from year 10 to university age into radiation protection. Bookings are now open for other organisations to book to present and exhibit. Take a look at who else has booked (exhibitors at the bottom of event page) and the current programme; pricing options can be found on the event page. AtkinsRealis has already kindly sponsored this event and we're also looking for one other company to sponsor the day; the cost is £1000 plus VAT. Sponsorship includes your logo on the opening presentation slide which will be displayed at the start and during the breaks and your banner (which you will provide) at the front where speakers will present. Your logo will also be advertised alongside this event through our website and on our social media pages and appear on the programme. To book a presentation slot and/or exhibition space, please email tegan.vallejo@srp-uk.org .



******* Merry Christmas *******

Your Harris Associates (HA) admin team would like to wish AURPO members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Earlier this week the team had a relaxing afternoon pottery painting and enjoyed a lovely meal in Totnes. HA hopes to see as many of you as possible at the Annual Conference next year.

HA Team: Tessa Harris, Charlene Matthewman, Sue Irish, Tegan Vallejo, Sara Harrington and Tessa Jones.

Job Opportunities

- Radiation Protection Advisor, National Nuclear Laboratory - **closes 7 Jan 2024**
- Nuclear Compliance Safety Lead, Uni of Manchester - **closes 8 Jan 2024**
- Higher Radiation Protection Scientist, UKHSA - **closes 8 Jan 2024**
- Nuclear Compliance Environment Lead, Uni of Manchester - **closes 8 Jan 2024**
- Nuclear Compliance Health Physics Lead, Uni of Manchester - **closes 8 Jan 2024**
- Nuclear Compliance Security Lead, Uni of Manchester - **closes 8 Jan 2024**
- Radiation Technical Advisor x 2, Uni of Manchester - **closes 8 Jan 2024**
- Experienced Radiation Dosimetrist, Nuvia - **no closing date**
- Accredited and Trainee RPAs, Radman Associates - **no closing date**


AURPO would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.


October 2023

Welcome to our newest Affiliate Members!

We very much value the support of the organisations choosing to be affiliated to AURPO. The following have recently become members and some of you will have seen them in the exhibition area at the recent Annual Conference:

Dositracker
Suppliers of services and solutions for passive dosimetry, radon measurement, software and consultancy for ISO17025 and RP160 requirements.
Contact Colyn Nicholls; colyn.nicholls@dositracker.com .

Hazmat Logistics
Transportation of dangerous goods of all classes, including class 7 radioactive material. Provision of packaging and packaging services. DGSA services, specialising in class 7. Contact Caroline Felgate; caroline.felgate@hazmatlogistics.co.uk .

Kentec Corporation
"Worldwide and trusted supplier of laser safety eyewear, laser protective barriers, laser viewing windows, and laser beam evaluation tools for industrial, research and medical

applications. Explore our exceptional selection of products and training courses." Contact David Lawton; dlawton@kenteklaserstore.com .

Qualifying Nuclear Facilities with limited Operation (QNFLO)

Notification & Reporting of Incidents or Anomalies

Incidents and anomalies occur, this does not mean that the Operator of the QNFLO where this has occurred will receive Enforcement Action, but they do need to notify ONR of the occurrence. Non-exclusive list of typical incidents & anomalies that should be notified to ONR Safeguards:

- Accidental Loss of qualifying nuclear material
- Accidental Gain of qualifying nuclear material
- Unexpected significant change in item mass (i.e., not due to humidity, etc.)
- Qualifying nuclear material that has been lost or significantly delayed in transit (in addition to notifying ONR Transport)

These should be notified to ONR Safeguards within the specified timescale. INF1's are ONR's incident notification forms and the process via which the operator report incidents. ONR Safeguards typically receive up to 5 INF1's a year. This can be found via Notify ONR or through the WIReD portal if the Operator has requested access.

As well as completing this form, in the first instance the operator should contact the relevant Safeguards Inspectors for QNFLO (Marie Whitrow and James Wallbank) and the UKSO account (ukso@onr.gov.uk) to notify the incident as soon as is practicable. The Operator will be advised (if have not already) to fill out the INF1 form and submit it to the ONR incidents email or via the WIReD portal. The details of the incident Part A will be uploaded into the ONR WIReD portal for tracking and trending, and a QNFLO Safeguards Inspector will complete Part B to progress on the system.

Under NSR19, Regulation 16 requires a Special Report to be provided if an operator has or believes there might be an increase or loss of material within their Material Balance Area as specified under Regulation 17. The Special report is accepted by ONR as a Follow-up report (FUR) and would be used to inform the closure of the incident. There might be circumstances where further investigation or interaction with the Operator is required and this may require a second FUR by way of update or even an Inspection depending on the circumstances. Finally, Part C will be completed to close the INF1 once resolved.



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23 November 2023, 12:00 - 13:00 (GMT)

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- demonstrate several worked examples typical of work in the education sector
- provide additional sources of help to get you started with using Varskin+.

This is an introductory session and does not require prior knowledge of the software; it will also be useful for those that have used SkinDose in Varskin+ before. Book your free place and please feel free to share this to non-members who you think would find this webinar useful.

September 2023

AURPO Annual Conference









What a great Annual Conference we had at the University of Sussex at the beginning of September - and who ordered that amazing weather? Although it was probably a bit too hot! Delegates are now able to view all of the presentations; an email was sent today with details of where the presentations are and the password for the page. The Annual Dinner was held at the Brighton i360 where many of us enjoyed views across Brighton. We're hoping to release the dates and location of next year's conference very soon so please watch this space. Photos from the conference can be found on AURPO's website.



Annual General Meeting

We're pleased to let you know that Julie Turner (Loughborough University) is now the new President of AURPO since our AGM during the Annunal Conference. We'd like to say a big thank you to Pete Cole (University of Liverpool) who stepped down at the conference as President - Pete was President since 2018 and has done some great work whilst in post; he will now sit on the Executive Committee. During this meeting Tim Coldwell (University of Hull) agreed to stay on as Secretary and Oliver Preedy (Loughborough University) volunteered to be the Treasurer/Membership Secretary after Julie (who had previously held this post) became President. Millie

Gillatt (University of Sheffield) volunteered to be a new member of the Executive Committee with Shahed Khan (Radiation Consultancy Services) being reappointed. We'd like to say a big thank you to Helen Cauldbeck whose term on the Executive Committee has come to an end. We still have one position left to fill, if you're interested in joining; please email admin@aurpo-uk.org .



Honorary Life Membership Award
Congratulations to Stephen Green (Stephen Green and Associates), who received one of this year's Honorary Life Membership Awards. He was presented his award by Julie. You can read Stephen's full citation.



Honorary Life Membership Award
Congratulations to John Scott (University of Leicester) who also received the Honorary Life Membership Award. Read John's full citation.



Early Careers Professional Award
Hayley Gillings (Stephen Green and Associates), received this year's Early Careers Professional Award.



Best Exhibitor Award
Angela Yeadon is shown here receiving the Best Exhibitor Award, as voted for by delegates, on behalf of Aurora Health Physics Services.



Executive Committee
The Committee met the day on Monday before the Annual Conference to go through AURPO business. They discussed a number of matters including potential locations for next year's Annual Conference - if you would like to host, please do email admin@aurpo.org.uk . The photo shows LtoR: Sarah Dorling (Stephen Green and Associates), Tim Coldwell (University of Hull), Helen Cauldbeck (University of Liverpool), Oliver Preedy (Loughborough University), Julie Turner

(Loughborough University), Alistair Hardwick (University of Sussex) and Stephen Green (Stephen Green and Associates).



President's Report

The first President's Report from Julie Turner is now available to read.



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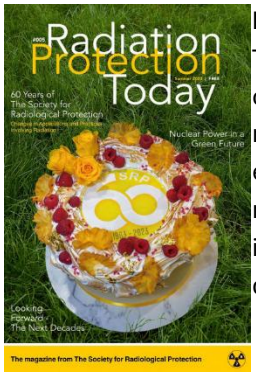
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Reminder: Free Personal Security Webinar

5 October 2023, 12:00 - 13:00 (GMT)

This webinar will be delivered by a Police Counter Terrorism Security Advisor (CTSA) and will provide generic advice on how to stay safe at home, at work, on-the-move, and online. You have to be a member of AURPO in order to view this webinar and due to its nature, it won't be recorded or available to view afterwards. If you would like to book this webinar, please email tegan@harris-assocs.co.uk .



New Issue of SRP's Magazine is Now Available

The Summer 2023 issue of Radiation Protection Today is now available and, in celebration of our Partner Society's 60th Anniversary, it focusses on changes in the radiation protection landscape over the last 60 years and the way that SRP has evolved. There are many feature articles as well as the regular columns. The magazine is free to everyone so please share the link with those you feel would find it of interest. Don't forget that all the previous issues are easy to view (and download if you wish) from the digital platform.

August 2023



Executive Committee Nomination Results

We received one nomination for the position of Honorary President of the Association and we're pleased to announce that the next President, as of the AGM this year, will be Julie Turner (Loughborough University).

We have also had one nomination for an ordinary Executive Committee member position, Pete Cole (University of Liverpool), this will take effect as of the AGM this year.

This now leaves us with two Executive Committee members to fill and the Honorary Treasurer postion. We will be asking for nominations for these postions at the AGM this year which is taking place during the Annual Conference; Tuesday 5 September 2023 at 16:50 at the University of Sussex.



President's Report

Pete Cole has done his last President's report for the AGM which we are releasing now for those that are unable to attend in person.

Environment Agency: Two Job Adverts

Installations Officer - Process Industry and Radioactive Substances***: £37,462, Welwyn Garden City (London)***

Installations Officer - Process Industry and Waste***: £37,462, Welwyn Garden City (London)***

The Environment Agency is looking for two Installation Officers, one for Process Industry and Radioactive Substances and one for Process Industry and Waste. The roles will be responsible for regulating process industry sectors such as incineration, combustion, chemicals and food and drink - it's your opportunity to

influence change and ensure best practice. 50% of your time will be devoted to enforcing rules on sites using non-nuclear radioactive substances, your efforts in this cutting-edge role will make an impact on current trends - not only now but for future generations. You will undertake a range of site-based inspections and audits together with assessment of emissions and other monitoring data to check compliance against permit conditions and other environmental legislation. If you have any questions in relation to this job advert, please direct them to WFPG_HNL@environment-agency.gov.uk. Closing date for both job roles is **26 September 2023**.

AWE: Two Job Adverts

Associate Waste Specialists: £32,000 - £34,000, Reading/Basingstoke Area

AWE is looking for Associate Waste Specialists (Reference: R18161). You would be the local point of contact for waste issues and whilst the requirement is to be involved with all wastes, you will use, or significantly develop, your knowledge in radioactive waste management for this role. Following completion of our internal training and demonstrating suitable experience, post holders will be appointed as a Waste Specialist / Officer for Radioactive, Controlled and Aqueous wastes.

Radiological Waste Specialist: £34,470 - £42,000, Reading/Basingstoke Area

AWE is recruiting for a Radiological Waste Specialist (Reference: R15569) to manage the sentencing and recording of RA solid and non-aqueous RA Waste on behalf of AWE and liaise with external suppliers and ensure compliance with third party Waste Acceptance Criteria. The responsibilities of the role include being appointed as a Suitably Qualified and Experienced Person to consign RA waste from the AWE estate in compliance with the Carriage of Dangerous Goods Regulations.

Closing date for both job adverts is **28 August 2023**.



Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations 2019 – Survey

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, with the MoD and the HSE, is conducting a post implementation review (PIR) of the Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations 2019. They're seeking feedback from those working with radiological material, in particular where an emergency as a result of that work might have an impact on the public. They're seeking to determine:

- whether the regulations meet their original objectives
- whether their scope is still appropriate and proportionate
- their impact on operators and whether there have been any unintended consequences
- whether any changes are required to achieve those objectives which imposes less regulation or to change what the regulations prescribe

To send your feedback, please fill out their questionnaire by **24 September 2023**.



AURPO Annual Conference

5 - 6 September 2023, University of Sussex

Who's ready for a boogie?!? Our Annual Conference is fast approaching and we'd like to remind you that the band during the Tuesday social meal will be The Jackals, who are local to Brighton. It's not too late to book your delegate place - all of the main exhibition spaces have now been booked in the exhibition hall. If you're still looking to exhibit, please email charlene@aurpo.org.uk as there is space in the reception area. See more information and view the programme. The Liquid Scintillation Counting Workshop taking place on Thursday 7 September 2023 is now fully booked.

Remimder: IRPA Task Group on Public Understanding of Radiation and Risk Survey

A reminder that this important consultation document from IRPA on Guidance for the Public Understanding of Radiation and Risk is open for consultation. This consultation follows the release of the IRPA Practical Guidance for Engagement with the Public on Radiation and Risk in 2020 and they're seeking views on the practicality of the Guidance, ongoing challenges faced by the profession and on gaps that still could be addressed. Closes **31 August 2023.**

July 2023





University Laser Forum

The University Laser Safety Forum was held at Loughborough University last week. This was a great opportunity to bring together colleagues in the higher education sector who work with lasers or provide laser safety advice and resulted in several interesting discussions.

The day began with an update on university laser inspections from Stewart Robertson (HSE) and this helped outline the state of compliance in the sector and set the scene for the later talks. John O'Hagan and Eric Liggins then provided updates on relevant laser standards, outlining key changes from previous versions.

There was a change of topic to focus on some non-beam hazards as Lewis Jones gave a talk on laser fume in the medical field.

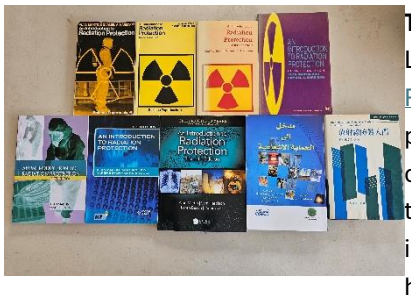
The final two talks focused on practical laser safety. Trevor Wheatley gave a very informative talk on laser

shielding calculations using the standards previously mentioned by John and Eric previously. The meeting was then closed by John Tyrer talking about active engineering controls with thoughts the sector should consider going forward.

Job Opportunity: Environmental Safety Engineer (Radiological Protection)

£40,069 - £84,892, West Kilbride

Are you interested in a new role within Radiological Protection? Has the nuclear industry always fascinated you and you're now looking for a change in industry? This vacancy might just be for you! The Environmental Safety Group at Hunterston B Power Station monitors and executes the Environmental Safety standards and processes for the safe and reliable operation/defueling of the plant. As an Engineer with EDF Energy, you'll have the opportunity for technical development in radiological protection and radioactive waste management, supporting the station through defueling and decommissioning. Closing date is **24 July 2023**.



The 50 Year History of a Key Radiation Protection Textbook

Last month we brought you news that the textbook "An Introduction to Radiation Protection" was celebrating over 50 years since its first publication. We are now pleased to advise that here at the AURPO office we now have a complete set of all seven editions plus the translated Japanese and Arabic editions. We also thought it would be interesting to find out how the idea for the book came about and we have been sent an article by original authors Alan Martin and Sam Harbison. As mentioned last month Pete Cole, AURPO President and one of the authors of the latest edition, said; "It has been my honour and privilege in recent years to work with Alan and Sam on new and updated versions of this seminal textbook – now at version 7. I can't begin to champion enough the use of this book to the radiation protection community both UK nationally and internationally around the world."



Early Bird Rate Ends 31 July 2023, Annual Conference

5 - 6 September, University of Sussex

Use the booking form to attend as a delegate, or if you're an organisation wishing to exhibit, please use the exhibition booking form. View the Annual Conference invitation to find out further information about the event. You can also view the programme - **on Thursday 7 September, we're offering an optional Liquid Scintillation Counting Workshop** in the morning, which will only cost £30. You must book this separately through the booking form above.



DEADLINE 31 JULY 2023: Awards

Early Careers Professional – free registration at the Annual Conference plus travel & hotel; for those in the first 10 years of their RP career. For this award, you must be a member of AURPO.

AURPO Professional Development Award – a free place on the next AURPO/Strathclyde Certificate of Professional Development in

Radiation Protection distance learning course (begins Sept 2023 and runs to May 2024) – value of £2,350. Successful applicants will receive free Associate membership for the duration of the course.

Find out more information about both awards. Applications should be made using the Awards Application Form. Please copy admin@aurpo.org.uk when emailing these forms back.

Deadline for both awards this year is **31 July 2023.**



Reminder: Committee Elections 2023

Remember that you must submit nominations to the Returning Officer by **24 July 2023 23:59** - they must be duly proposed and seconded. The following vanacies are available on AURPO's Executive Committee:

- Honorary President
- 3 x Ordinary members of the Executive Committee

The term for each position is three years (until the 2026 AGM). View more information about eligibility and the work of the Committee.

Eligible members of the Association may nominate themselves for a position by completing the election form, and emailing it to returningofficer@aurpo.org.uk .

Eligible members are defined in the Membership section of the Constitution as:

- Ordinary Members
- Retired Members
- Honorary Life Members

Executive Committee members are asked to carry out additional roles within the Committee and/or act as representatives of AURPO to external groups.

Volunteers or suggestions are also invited for members to be considered for membership of the Scientific and Technical Committee. Please email admin@aurpo.org.uk should you wish to get involved.



Cyber Security from both an organisational and individual perspective Webinar

13 July 2023, 12:00 - 13:00

In partnership with SRP, this webinar was presented by Gordy MacDonald (Scotland Police) and the webinar had over 100 people register. Due to the nature of the topic, the presentation and slides are not be available to view afterwards. You may find the links below useful; provided with kind permission from Police Scotland and working in colloboration for learning and building awareness from this webinar.

- How Secure Is My Password? | Password Strength Checker (security.org)
- Top tips for staff - Overview (ncsc.gov.uk)
- Stay Safe Online (ncsc.gov.uk) - top tips for staff infographic.
- Setting up 2-Step Verification (2SV) - NCSC.GOV.UK

- Stay protected online with a Cyber Action Plan - NCSC.GOV.UK

If you do have any questions that you would like us to pass to the presenter, please email charlene@aurpo.org.uk .

IRPA Task Group on Public Understanding of Radiation and Risk Survey

All AURPO members are automatically members of the International Radiation Protection Association through the Partner Society arrangement with SRP (which is the UK Associate Society affiliated to IRPA). We bring your attention here to an important consultation document from IRPA on Guidance for the Public Understanding of Radiation and Risk – please do spend a few minutes completing the consultation survey. This consultation follows the release of the IRPA Practical Guidance for Engagement with the Public on Radiation and Risk in 2020 and IRPA is now seeking views on the practicality of the Guidance, ongoing challenges faced by the profession and on gaps that still could be addressed. Closes **31 August 2023**.



IRPA16: Call for Abstracts Now Open

7 - 12 July 2024, Florida

You can now submit your abstract to the IRPA16 International Congress; the deadline is **1 October 2023**. The theme for this Congress is 'Radiation Harmonization: Standing United for Protection'.

June 2023

AURPO Annual Conference - Programme Released
5 - 6 September (with optional Workshop on 7 September)
University of Sussex





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Workshop in the morning, which will only cost £30. You must book this separately through the booking form above.



President's Message

Pete Cole, President, has written a blog about the upcoming Annual Conference. He also shares with you some news about his presidency.

Job Opportunity: Radiological Protection Engineer

£40,069 - £71,779, Near Leiston

Do you have a background in environmental safety, health physics or radiological protection and are ready to apply these skills in a new industry? Are you keen to learn the skills required to work on a nuclear power station? EDF Energy has an excellent opportunity in their Environmental Support Group at Sizewell B Power Station as a Radiological Protection Engineer. You'll be part of the team responsible for delivering the required standards and processes in Chemistry, Radiological Protection and Discharge Standards/ Environmental Protection. This ensures the safe and reliable operation of the nuclear power plant in accordance with all regulations, licences and requirements of external and internal compliance organisations. Closing date is today (**27 June 2023**). *Please note that this job advert was emailed to all AURPO members earlier this month.*

Job Opportunity: Radiation Protection Advisor

The National Nuclear Laboratory is looking for a Radiation Protection Advisor to provide radiological protection advice, to champion and foster an environment for change and adopt industry radiological protection (RP) best practices. Maximising independently recognised RP knowledge and experience (e.g. CRadP, RPA) to influence and guide a broad range of stakeholders on adoption of proportionate radiological protection practices that support the growth of the NNL Preston Facility. Promulgation of guidance on a diverse range of operational activities and broad spectrum of radiological fingerprints in regard to existing laboratory research & development activities, plant scale processing, decommissioning and facility modifications and introduction of new operational activities. Closing date is **11 July 2023**.

Tutors Needed for AURPO/Univ of Strathclyde Radiation Protection Course

The certificate of Professional Development in Radiation Protection course is run by the Association of University Radiation Protection Officers (AURPO) and the University of Strathclyde in order to assist those seeking a career as a radiation protection professional to demonstrate the required core of knowledge and core competencies in accordance with Annex 3 of the HSE Statement on RPAs or the environment agencies' RWA Syllabus. Applications for the next intake of the course commencing in September have again reached

capacity, and additional tutors are required so that it can continue to support the industry to grow and develop. The course continues to be delivered fully online and tutors are paid on a per student basis. If you're interested in becoming a tutor, please submit a CV and covering letter to scosh@strath.ac.uk by **Monday 3 July 2023**.



Reminder: FREE Event - University Laser Safety Forum
11 July 2023, Loughborough University
This event is designed to focus on Laser safety specially in the higher education sector and to act as an opportunity for networking and sharing best practice. The programme includes presentations from speakers who are prominent in the field of Laser safety. Including an update from the HSE by Stewart Robertson and a session on shielding calculations by Trevor Wheately. View the rest of the programme. There's also the opportunity to attend a network evening the night before, which will include a meal at Burleigh Court for an additional fee. Please fill out the registration form to book your attendance.



Reminder: Awards
Early Careers Professional – free registration at the Annual Conference plus travel & hotel; for those in the first 10 years of their RP career. For this award, you must be a member of AURPO.

AURPO Professional Development Award – a free place on the next AURPO/Strathclyde Certificate of Professional Development in Radiation Protection distance learning course (begins Sept 2023 and runs to May 2024) – value of £2,350. Successful applicants will receive free Associate membership for the duration of the course.

Find out more information about both awards. Applications should be made using the Awards Application Form. Please copy admin@aurpo.org.uk when emailing these forms back.

Deadline for both awards this year is **31 July 2023.**



An Introduction to Radiation Protection - Seventh Edition
Alan Martin and Sam Harbison published a fantastic textbook over 50 years ago entitled “An Introduction to Radiation Protection”. Very comprehensive and informative on the subject from the basics upwards. A great companion for all those who work in radiation protection both junior and senior. Pete Cole, President and one of the authors of the latest edition, said; "It has been my honour and privilege in recent years to work with Alan and Sam on new and updated versions of this seminal textbook – now at version 7. I can't begin to champion enough the use of this book to the radiation protection community both UK nationally and internationally around the World." The photo shows, LtoR, Sam, Pete, Alan and Karen Beack; all authors of the seventh edition.

May 2023

AURPO Annual Conference
5 - 6 September (with optional Workshop on 7 September)
University of Sussex



We're delighted to release the booking form for AURPO's Annual Conference. With a jam packed technical programme, social meals, exhibition and networking opportunities, this is certainly a conference not to be missed. We can't wait for you to join us, especially as we will be somewhere very special for the Annual Dinner - take a look at the Annual Conference invitation to find out futher information about this. Member delegate places are £215 for both days; details on the other rates, including day rates, can be found on the booking form above.

On Thursday 7 September, we're offering an optional Liquid Scintillation Counting Workshop in the morning, which will only cost £30. You must book this separately through the booking form above.

Exhibition

Spaces have just been released for the exhibition area which will be sold on a first come first served basis. The cost is £325 for an Affiliate member and £375 for a non-member. Download the exhibition booking form.

Please note that for the delegate and exhibition bookings, there is a late fee if you book after **31 July 2023**. Delegate booking forms and exhibition booking forms are to be emailed to conference@aurpo.org.uk .

We are aiming to release the programme to you at the end of next month via this newsletter.

Job Opportunity: Radiological Protection Engineer
Oldbury, £42,190 - £49,072

Magnox is looking for a Radiological Protection Engineer to work at its Oldbury nuclear site. The facility finished generating in February 2012 and is currently in the decommissioning phase of its lifecycle. Work is ramping up as we progress towards the care and maintenance phase, there are a number of exciting projects currently underway with more planned in the future.

The scope of work will be to:

- Help the Radiological Protection Department to achieve compliance with the Ionising Radiation Regulations, Magnox Radiological Safety Rules, Company standards and other statutory requirements
- Assist the Accredited Health Physicists provide technical advice in support of the development, production, implementation and review of the arrangements for the site radiological protection programme

The closing date is **7 June 2023.**



University Laser Safety Forum

After a brief hiatus, the first Inter University Laser Safety forum since 2018 is being held at Loughborough University on the **11 of July 2023**. This event is designed to focus on Laser safety specially in the higher education sector and to act as an opportunity for networking and sharing best practice.

The programme includes presentations from speakers who are prominent in the field of Laser safety. Including an update from the HSE by Stewart Robertson and a session on shielding calculations by Trevor Wheately. The full list of confirmed talks is shown below.

- HSE Update on University Laser Inspections – Stewart Robertson (HSE)
- Update on Changes to the Safety of laser products standard (60825-14) - John O'Hagan (Loughborough University)
- Update on changes to the standard for classification of Eye protection (EN207/EN208) - Eric Liggins (QinetiQ)
- Laser fume talk (Medical field) – Lewis Jones (Loughborough University)
- Laser Shielding calculations - Trevor Wheately (Opticum Pty Ltd)
- Control engineering - John Tyrer (Loughborough University)

The cost of attending the event is free thanks to sponsorship from AURPO. Whilst there is no cost for attending the event, travel and accommodation will be required to be covered by the delegate. There's also the opportunity to attend a network evening the night before, which will include a meal at Burleigh Court for an additional fee.

Please fill out the registration form to book your attendance.



Personal Security Webinar

5 October 2023, 12:00 – 13:00 (GMT)

The webinar will be delivered by a Police Counter Terrorism Security Advisor (CTSA) and will provide generic advice on how to stay safe at home, at work, on-the-move, and online.

The webinar will consider the following:

- your profession/role – does the role you perform make you an attractive target?
- specific threats – is there credible intelligence to suggest you are at risk?

- your personal history – have you been targeted in the past?

This webinar will help members decide where they need to take precautions, when to maintain heightened awareness and when they should involve the police. No one can be on high alert all the time, but being complacent may expose members to vulnerabilities. Further advice, guidance and resources will also be highlighted.

You have to be a member of AURPO or SRP in order to view this webinar and due to its nature, it won't be recorded or available to view afterwards. If you would like to book this webinar, please email admin@aurpo.org.uk .

Upcoming Webinar Programme

NEW DATE: Fusion - current state of play
8 June, 12:00 - 13:00 (BST)
Presented by Dr Thomas Davis who is the President and Chief Technology Officer of Oxford Sigma.

Introduction to Contamination Control
23 June 2023, 12:00 - 13:00 (BST)

Radon Gas: Risks, Regulations & Remediation
28 September, 12:00 - 13:00 (GMT)

Reminder: Job Opportunities: Accredited and Trainee Radiation Protection Advisors
Competitive Salary, Macclesfield (Hybrid Working)
Radman Associates is an independent firm of consultants providing RPA services to industrial companies, research organisations and Universities throughout the UK. In order to expand their RPA/RWA team, they're looking for enthusiastic accredited and trainee RPAs. To apply, please send a covering letter explaining how you fit the position plus a CV to hilary@radman.co.uk (Office Manager). No closing date set as looking for right candidate.

April 2023

Annual Conference
Planning is well underway for this year's Annual Conference (**5-6 Sept**, University of Sussex). The delegate booking form will be available shortly and the cost for members will be £215 (to include both days). We will also be issuing the exhibition booking form in the next couple of weeks.

AURPO members' paper makes shortlist for the 2022 Bernard Wheatley Award
It was announced in March that a research paper written by AURPO members Ralph Whitcher and Pete Cole, together with a team from The University of Liverpool Physics Department, including Prof Robert Page, Stephen Chappell and Joshua Hicks, had been shortlisted for the 2022 Bernard Wheatley Award. This prestigious award is made annually for the best paper to appear in the Journal of Radiation Protection as decided by the Editorial Board. The research was an investigation conducted in Liverpool laboratories into the age-related degradation of ^{226}Ra alpha sources used in schools. The paper is described in the March JRP Editorial, by Editor Prof Mike Thorne, as a "detailed and well-illustrated detective story" which reached the short-list because of "the meticulous way in which the various types

of observations were used in combination and because of the clear way in which the story of the investigations was told."
Although the paper didn't win the award, the authors were both surprised and delighted with the news that it had been so well received.




Presentation of Gift to SRP
The Society for Radiological Protection is celebrating its 60th Anniversary at its Annual Conference in Aberdeen this week. Following its AGM on Tuesday, Mark Green (University of Edinburgh) presented our gift of a special bell which will be used to call delegates to take their place at their Annual Dinners from now on.

Webinar Programme
There is a new webinar on cyber security in the series being run in partnership with SRP. See details below. You can earn one CPD point for each webinar.



New: Cyber Security from both an organisational and individual perspective
13 July, 12:00 - 13:00 (BST)
This webinar is presented by Gordy MacDonald of Scotland Police. He completed the last 4 years of his service within the National Cybercrime Harm Prevention Team. The focus of the webinar is to enable the networking discussion of cyber security awareness throughout your organisation.



Reminder: Fusion - current state of play
26 May, 12:00 - 13:00 (BST)
This webinar will be presented by Dr Thomas Davis who is the President and Chief Technology Officer of Oxford Sigma. Fusion energy is experiencing a rapid period of investment, innovation, and growth that has never been seen before.



Introduction to Contamination Control
23 June 2023, 12:00 - 13:00 (BST)
When working with unsealed radioactive material, the dose and risk of the spread of contamination needs to be demonstrated to be ALARP. This also helps with demonstration of applying Best Available Techniques (BAT) in radioactive waste minimisation. This webinar, presented by John Bradshaw (AWE), is an introduction to the basics of contamination control starting with radiation risk assessment as a basis and covering suggestions for design to limit spread.



Radon Gas: Risks, Regulations & Remediation

28 September, 12:00 - 13:00

Presented by Rebecca Coates (propertECO), this webinar will share with you about how you can ensure compliance with the latest health & safety requirements relating to workplace radon exposure. HSE has been carrying out proactive radon inspections in the education sector over recent months, so now's the time to ensure you understand your obligations and have the necessary risk assessments in place.



Webinar now available

The presentation and video of the webinar *Shielding X-Ray rooms - The basics and a CT Example* are now available. The webinar was co-presented on 6 April by Colin Martin and David Sutton and once again proved very popular, with 237 people registered to attend.

Regional Meetings Update – Midlands Group

The 5th regional group to meet is the Midlands Group who will be meeting at the University of Leicester at 1pm on 30th May. If you would like to attend please get in touch.

New ICRP Publication available

ICRP *Publication 153* on Radiological Protection in Veterinary Practice is now available for purchase via the ICRP website. AURPO member, Sarah Dorling (Stephen Green and Associates Ltd) is one of its authors. As per the success of the Free the Annals initiative, this publication will be free-to-access at the start of 2025.



IRPA News

The March 2023 IRPA Bulletin is now available to view. It includes the first announcement for IRPA16 which is taking place in Orlando next year in July, as well as young professionals' experiences at the IRPA Africa Regional Congress.



Annual Conference in 2024

We're on the look out for a University that would like to host the 2024 Annual Conference. If you think that you have a suitable venue with local venues for a casual dinner, Annual Dinner and maybe a few local pubs, then please email admin@aurpo.org.uk .

AURPO Newsletter **REMINDER**

AURPO is keen to reinstate the main biannual newsletter, so please email your Committee/Working Group report, news item or personal piece you would like to share, to admin@aurpo.org.uk by **1 June 2023.** Have a look at the last newsletter, August 2021, for ideas.

March 2023



Support Fellow RP Colleagues in Higher Education Research and Teaching

We are planning to re-establish a working group on radiation safety culture on Higher Education Research and Teaching (HERT). The aim is to research, develop and publish a toolkit to assist radiological protection professionals within HERT to improve the radiation safety culture in their organisation. We envisage this to be a two-year project, ready to publish by AURPO's Annual Conference in 2025. If you're interested, please send an email to admin@aurpo.org.uk .

Job Opportunity: Radiological Protection Advisor

£49,412 - £65,348, Oldbury

Magnox is looking for a Radiological Protection Advisor. Oldbury is a nuclear licenced site that finished generating in February 2012 and is currently in the decommissioning phase of its lifecycle. The next phase of decommissioning work at Oldbury includes a project to commission a Fill House and vacuum drying system. Another project is to collect representative samples of Fuel Element Debris from the vaults to enable decisions to be made on its future management. Magnox will also be incorporating the EDF nuclear sites around the UK once they reach the end of their life. This will provide numerous opportunities for personal development for the right candidate. Closes **31 March 2023**.

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Competitive Salary, Macclesfield (Hybrid Working)

Radman Associates is an independent firm of consultants providing RPA services to industrial companies, research organisations and Universities throughout the UK. In order to expand their RPA/RWA team, they're looking for enthusiastic accredited and trainee RPAs who will:

- visit industrial and research clients across GB to audit their regulatory compliance
- contribute to our monthly RPS training courses held at a local hotel
- undertake critical examinations of X-ray and sealed source equipment
- assist with surveys of contaminated land and buildings

Applicants will have a science-based degree and must have good verbal and written communication skills for delivering effective training and reporting to clients. To apply, please send a covering letter explaining how you fit the position plus a CV to hilary@radman.co.uk (Office Manager). No closing date set as looking for right candidate.



AURPO Newsletter

Alongside your monthly e-newsletters, AURPO is very keen to bring back it's very important main newsletter, biannually, with content including reports and key information for its members. If you would like to include your Committee/Working Group report or news item in this newsletter, please email admin@aurpo.org.uk by **1 June 2023.** The last newsletter was done in August 2021, take a look at what was included to give you an idea - please note, we don't necessarily just have to include reports, we can include items that you feel are important for AURPO, or even a personal piece that you would like to share with your fellow members.

Webinar Programme

Running in partnership with SRP, the following free one hour lunch time webinars have now been organised. You can earn one CPD point for each webinar.




Shielding X-Ray rooms - The basics and a CT Example
6 April, 12:00 - 13:00 (BST)
Presented by Dr Colin Martin (left) and Prof David Sutton (right), this webinar will be based around the BIR publication, Radiation Shielding for Diagnostic Radiology.



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Regional Meetings Update

- Northern Group met virtually on 27 March
- Scottish Group met virtually on 16 March
- East Anglian Group will be holding an in person meeting on 17 April in Cambridge
- Midlands Group are aiming to hold a meeting in April
- London and South East Group met in person on 20 Feb.

Please get in touch if you would like to make sure you are on the distribution list for information on your regional group.



Annual Conference in 2024
We're on the look out for a University that would like to host the 2024 Annual Conference. If you think that you have a suitable venue with local venues for a casual dinner, Annual Dinner and maybe a few local pubs, then please email admin@aurpo.org.uk .

February 2023



Free Webinar: Fusion - current state of play
Friday 26 May, 12:00 - 13:00 (BST)
Organised in partnership with The Society for Radiological Protection (SRP), this webinar will be presented by Dr Thomas Davis who is the President and Chief Technology Officer of Oxford Sigma (an R&D company that develops fusion materials technology whilst providing technical, materials, and regulatory support to the nuclear and fusion industry). Fusion energy is experiencing a rapid period of investment, innovation, and growth that has never been seen before. As of today, many governments are enabling and funding public fusion energy projects, such as the UKAEA, whilst private fusion companies work towards commercialising fusion energy. Private fusion companies have received approximately $4.9 billion of private funding to date, with a high percent invested in 2021 alone. The industry has been gaining momentum and this decade should yield milestone results to demonstrating fusion energy as a real source of energy. However, fusion energy environmental conditions for the structural and functional materials are extreme and still unsolved. This talk will discuss the latest commercial and technical developments in the industry.

Job Opportunity: Specialist 2 (Radioactive Substances)
£36,914 - £41,561, SEPA office in Scotland
SEPA is looking for two Specialist 2 Officers who will be based in their Radioactive Substances Team, primarily regulating radioactive substances activities at a wide range of sites across Scotland. This is an excellent opportunity for candidates who have practical industrial or regulatory experience who can apply their expertise in a pro-active regulatory role. Additionally, the successful candidate must be able to build great working relationships and engage effectively with those they regulate, local communities, partner bodies, and other relevant

stakeholders. SEPA is offering a relocation package of up to £8000 for the successful applicant if required. Please note that this post requires additional Security Clearance, therefore the successful candidate will be expected to undergo additional security checks and vetting. Closes **Sunday 12 March 2023**.

Reminder: Consultation on Radioactive Substances Activities

The Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Regulations has been in force for over four years and SEPA is consulting on the implentation of them. The closing date for responses is **Wednesday 22 March 2023**.

Regional Meetings for AURPO Members Start Back Up



The AURPO regional London and SouthEast (LaSE) meeting took place 20 February, which generated some lively discussions on the experiences with HSE radiological inspections in universities and schools. They also had an update from the HSE Consents Workshop, which was well received. General consensus was that universities are expected to do quite a lot of work to put together the information required for the safety cases to bring it into the concise format the HSE is expecting. Furthermore, some worry was expressed that any change to the information provided as part of the safety case is considered a significant change, such as the addition of a new radionuclide. It was unclear if consents could be future-proofed by including potential new research nuclides. The announcement of the next AURPO Annual Conference in September was welcomed as this will mean easy travelling for this region.

- East Anglian – will be holding a meeting on 17 April in Cambridge
- Midlands/Northern/Scottish Regional groups are aiming to hold meetings in March/April

Please get in touch if you would like to attend any of these.



Annual Conference

We will shortly be releasing bookings for the Annual Conference this year which is taking place at The University of Sussex from 5 - 6 September; the photo on the left gives a hint to where the Annual Dinner will take place. The rates for the conference will be confirmed at the Executive Meeting which is taking place next Tuesday (7 March). Please do let us know if there is anything that you would like to be raised at the meeting.

Free Online Workshop: How to be an Event Chair

10:30 - 12:00 (BST), Thursday 16 March

Partner society, SRP, is hosting a free two hour workshop for those that would like to learn about how to become the best Chair for an event. With hints and tips about what to say when speakers may be running over, receiving awkward questions from the audience and they'll also be discussions with the speakers in small break-out sessions which will give you the opportunity to ask any questions which you may have.

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Regional Group Meeting

The London and South East Regional Group is meeting on **Monday 20 February 2023, 14:30 – 16:00.** Members based in this area are encouraged to attend either in person or online via Teams. The meeting will take place in Bidborough House at the University College London (near Euston/Kings Cross/St Pancras). If you wish to attend, please email g.mott@ucl.ac.uk. The meeting room is limited to the number of people it can hold, places will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis. Should you be interested in invites to future regional meet-ups, please email j.fear@imperial.ac.uk . The topics which will be discussed are (feel free to add suggestions):

- Reports from regulatory inspections - if there's something you could share about any interactions/visits from regulators we would like to hear about it!
- Project Fieldfare – update and discussion
- The new consents process
- Lasers and AOR

Job Opportunity: Health and Safety Advisor (Laser Safety Lead)

***£35,333 - £43,414 per annum,* Sheffield**

The University of Sheffield is looking for a Health and Safety Advisor to work as the Laser Safety Lead. You will be assisting the Director of Health & Safety and the Health & Safety Managers to provide health and safety support to the University. You will also provide professional advice, guidance and assistance to academic and professional service departments to ensure compliance with all aspects of health and safety legislation across the University campus and its residences. The development and delivery of health and safety related training / audits across a wide range of topic areas will be a major aspect of this role. Closes **10 February 2023**.

Job Opportunity: Radiation Protection Adviser

Competitive Salary, Billingham

Tracerco is looking for a Radiation Protection Advisor, who will provide advice to the business on compliance with radiation protection and radioactive waste legislation, as well as advice on Class 7 Dangerous goods legislation. They will ensure that all work is done to keep the risk from radiation exposure as low as reasonably practicable to all critical groups. Tracerco, part of Johnson Matthey Plc is a world-leading industrial technology company with over 60 years' experience. Closing date is **14 February 2023**.

Job Opportunities: Radiation Protection Adviser/Clinical Scientist/Medical Physics Expert

Up to £65,262 (depending on knowledge, skills and experience), Plymouth

University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust has two exciting opportunities for radiation protection professionals in support of patient care and experience. They would like to hear from certificated RPAs looking to branch into medical uses of ionising radiation. Their team has a history of securing the transition of RPAs from the Nuclear to the Medical sector and would welcome a conversation to see what you could bring to the team. For appointment towards the top of the pay scale you would need to have significant experience in Medical Physics but development needs can be explored. For an informal chat to discuss the positions and opportunities in more detail, please contact Rob Loader (Head of Clinical & Radiation Physics): 01752 439669 or email robert.loader@nhs.net . Closing date is **12 March 2023**.

Job Opportunities: Radiation Protection Engineer and Radiation Protection Adviser

Competitive Salary, Various Locations

Nuvia is currently recruiting for a Radiation Protection Advisor and a Radiation Protection Engineer to join their UK team. Their projects and customers are amongst the most diverse in the industry with opportunities in the Nuclear and Non-Nuclear sectors, both UK and abroad. If you're an ambitious individual either looking for your first taste of Radiation Protection or your next career step, then please email Graeme Thomason (Recruitment Manager), Graeme.thomason@nuvia.com or Lorna Galbraith (RPA Team Lead), lorna.galbraith@nuvia.com . No closing date set as looking for right candidates.



Executive Committee Meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting takes place on 7 March. If there is anything that you would like to raise, please let us know. After this meeting we hope to release the booking form for this year's Annual Conference at the University of Sussex (5-7 September), so keep an eye on the AURPO website.



Hire of Spill Training Kit

We'd like to remind our members that we have a spill training kit which is available to hire. The STS monitors and simulated spillage material to hire is £100 for two monitors or £50 for one monitor, this is for up to two weeks. If you wish to hire this, please email admin@aurpo.org.uk .

Reminder: Consultation on Radioactive Substances Activities

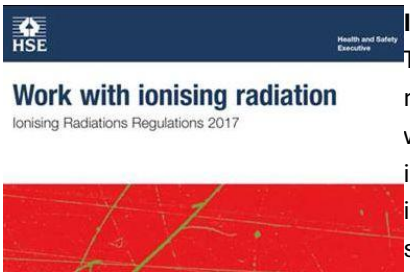
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External Events

SRP Annual Conference
25 - 27 April, Aberdeen

The Early Bird rate for SRP's Annual Conference ends on **31 January 2023**. You can view the technical and social programme for all three days and book your place via their website. They will be celebrating their 60th anniversary at the conference.



IRR17 Consents Workshop: The New System

This event is aimed at all sectors using ionising radiation that require consents under IRR17. It will be in the form of a workshop where participants can address the processes and issues around consents within their particular work sector. This is a very popular event and bookings are on a first-come, first-served basis.

* Please note that AURPO members are eligible for the member rate for SRP events.*