

The Society for Radiological Protection

Annual Report 2002

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2002

COUNCIL

The Council of the Society met on five occasions during the year. Membership is given in the Trustees Report (2002 Trustees Report.pdf). Much of the work of Council is concerned with consideration of reports from the Society's Committees. Summaries of each committee's activities are given in this report.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Awards Committee has been working to ensure the promotion of its broad spectrum of schemes. The application forms and guidance notes for all the schemes are available on the SRP web site, and the Committee has been making direct contact with a number of educational institutions to increase awareness of its schemes. It has also produced and distributed a leaflet with summary details of all schemes supported by the Awards Committee and relevant points of contact. In addition, the Committee regularly publicises its activities in the Society Newsletter. To ensure transparency and consistency of its decision-making processes, the Committee has developed criteria and proforma as appropriate to underpin its consideration of applications for its schemes. The Committee was pleased to award the SRP Scholarship to Molly Blake-James in September 2002 to undertake an MSc Course in Medical Physics at the University of Birmingham. Molly's mentor is Neil Lewis, and the Committee is looking forward to receiving news of her progress. The SRP Scholarship was awarded to Sarah Heard in 2001. The Committee was pleased to hear that she was successful in obtaining her MSc in Radiation Physics: Medical Applications at University College, London, and is now studying for a PhD. Thanks go to Bobby Corbett for acting as her mentor. The Committee was disappointed not to receive applications for the SRP Studentship in 2002, but are hoping that applications will be forthcoming during 2003.

The Committee awarded a grant to John Gill to support his work on ISO Committees under the International Working Group Support Scheme in October 2002. Support was also given to a number of applicants under the Free Meeting Place for under 35s Scheme. A number of applications for the Jack Martin Prize were considered during 2002, but it was decided not to award the Prize this time. The Committee is hoping that applications will be made during 2003 for consideration for the Prize in 2004.

The Committee is already looking forward to 2003/2004 and beyond. Its immediate challenge is to work towards greater uptake of SRP schemes, particularly for the SRP Studentship. It is hoped that the proactive contacts made with educational institutions during 2002 and the continual development of out networks and outreach activities will yield dividends during 2003.

ELECTORAL COMMITTEE

As a result of the 2001/2002 Council election Mr J R Croft was elected unopposed to the position of President Elect for 2002/03. Mr R Hannan was elected unopposed to the position of Honorary Treasurer for the period 2002/2004. Mrs C Griffiths and Mr M Ramsay were elected unopposed as Council members for the period 2002/2005

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

This committee is unique, in that its membership comes from representatives of other professional and scientific societies and organisations collectively known as "Partner Societies".

The Partner Societies are:

- * Association of University Radiation Protection Officers
- * British Institute of Radiology
- * British Nuclear Medicine Society
- * College of Radiographers
- * Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine
- * Institute of Radiation Protection
- * Royal College of Radiologists

The Committee met twice during the year and welcomed Dr Bleddyn Jones representing the Royal College of Radiologists and BNMS. It continues to benefit from regular access to and support from the current President of IRPA, Geoff Webb, and had a very useful Committee meeting session with Alastair McKinlay, current President of the International Commission for Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP).

The UK IRPA membership in 2002 (2001) was 1823 (1883), of whom 612 (692) were nominated by the Partner Societies and the remainder by SRP. The UK associate society is now the second largest, behind the USA.

Highlights of the Committee's year included:

Getting agreement to prepare a proposal for hosting IRPA 12 in the UK (probably Glasgow) in 2008 to be submitted by autumn 2003;

After a very close competition, selecting Bobby Corbett to go forward as the UK candidate for election to the IRPA Council at Madrid 2004 (IRPA 11);

Providing support in terms of kind and ideas to the Florence regional event held in the autumn of 2002. Also for the up-coming Utrecht meeting in 2003 and IRPA 11 preparations (Committee contact for both the latter is Bobby Corbett);

Continuing contacts with Latin America and Africa and pledging support in kind and financial sponsorship for the African regional meeting planned for the Spring of next year (Committee contact is Roger Coates);

Continuing participation in the "Controllable Dose – Towards New ICRP Recommendations" debate and also the emerging thinking on environmental radiological protection;

Effectively networking with and representing the international interests of the various bodies concerned with RP and related matters, and their members.

JOURNAL BOARD

The four issues of Volume 22 of the Journal of Radiological Protection, the official scientific journal of the Society, were published in 2002. The volume consisted of a total of 450 pages containing 21 peer-reviewed articles (14 Papers, two Reviews, one Practical Matter article and four Notes), one Memorandum, one Opinion article and nine Letters to the Editor. In addition there were six Invited Editorials from authoritative authors commenting on the issues addressed by certain of the papers published in the Journal. Of particular note in 2002 was Issue 3A, published as a supplement to the September issue of the Journal, that contained 32 peer-reviewed papers presented at the 20th L H Gray Conference – Radiation Cancer Analysis and Low Dose Risk Assessment: New Developments and Perspectives – held at Ede, the Netherlands, in February 2002. This supplement was a considerable success, due mainly to the efforts of the Guest Editors, Marco Brugmans, Henk Leenhouts and Ken Chadwick, and Jill Membrey and Simon Harris at Institute of Physics (IoP) Publishing. All concerned are to be congratulated on this achievement.

The quality of the papers remains high, the subjects covered ranging from dosimetry, medical exposures and laboratory experiments to protection of the environment, ethical issues and epidemiology. Authors came from Germany, Nigeria, Malaysia, Sweden, USA, Ukraine, Tanzania, Japan, Austria and India, as well as the UK. Of particular note was the Memorandum from the Royal Society Working Group on the Health Hazards of Depleted Uranium Munitions that appeared in the June issue, covering a persistently controversial topic. The contributors to the News and Information section are to be thanked for providing book reviews, meeting reports and news articles of continuing high quality. Some of the news articles are substantial in their technical content and provide a valuable complement to the more formal papers published in the Journal.

Monty Charles and David Sumner left the Editorial Board in 2002, David for personal reasons, and Council thanks them for their contributions during their terms of office. New to the Board are Mike Thorne, Phil Day and Norman Gentner. The administration of the Editorial Board continues to be well supported by Tessa Berry of Tessa Berry Associates and Jill Membrey of IoP Publishing. Particular mention should be made of Simon Harris of IoP Publishing whose careful work ensures the accurate and timely production of the Journal.

Members are encouraged to submit papers for publication in the Journal. They are also urged to send any news and information items to the Deputy Editor, Jim Gray. The News and Information section, in addition to the formal papers, is an important vehicle for disseminating knowledge on radiological protection and members should play their part in this process.

The past year saw the continuing trend of moving the Journal from having the appearance of an "in-house" publication to a fully international scientific journal, so Society news and information has appeared in a less prominent position than in the past. In the ever-increasingly competitive world of scientific publishing, the

Journal must be a publication that authors from around the world consider when deciding where to submit their papers. The Editorial Board will continue to review the publishing situation and discuss the best means of continuing to maintain the high quality of the Journal for the benefit of members and the radiological protection community as whole.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The membership of the Society on 31 December 2002 was 1308. The breakdown, together with last year's figures and the change during the year is as follows: -

	2002	2001	% change
<u>Individual membership</u>			
Honorary Fellows	16	14	+14
Fellows	51	49	+4
Members	1029	1008	+2
Graduate Members	65	55	+18
Associates	97	90	+8
Students	21	23	-9
Total	1279	1240	+3
<u>Corporate membership</u>			
Affiliates	29	29	0
TOTAL	1308	1268	+3
International Members (not already members of SRP)	554	610	-9

Total individual membership stood at 1279, an increase of 3.15% over the year. The net increase in individual membership was 39, 67 new members joining and 28 members leaving the Society through death, resignation or lapsed subscription. Over the 5 year period 1997 – 2002, this represents a 3.17% per annum increase (3.01% for 1996 – 2001). As in previous years, the fastest growing grade is Graduate and this is most welcome due to the relatively low age of these members. Corporate membership remains static, with one new member and one leaving.

The Membership Committee meets annually and operates mainly by correspondence. Applications dealt with during the year (compared with previous years), excluding re-grades, came from the following sources: -

Sector/year	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Nuclear	26.8%	52.1%	42.9%	32.1%	29.1%	41.8%
Regulators/central government	7.1%	6.3%	10.7%	8.3%	7.6%	3.0%
Consultancy	16.1%	10.4%	8.9%	29.8%	27.8%	19.4%
Education	23.2%	16.7%	19.6%	8.3%	15.2%	16.4%
Medical	10.7%	4.2%	3.6%	14.3%	3.8%	9.0%
Industry	8.9%	2.1%	8.9%	3.6%	13.9%	4.5%
Local Authorities	0	2.1%	0	0	1.3%	1.5%
Defence	7.1%	6.3%	5.4%	3.6%	1.3%	4.5%
Total new members (of which foreign)	56 (8)	48 (2)	56 (5)	84 (6)	79 (4)	67 (7)

The nuclear, consultancy and education sectors remain the strongest.

Retired members account for 12.8% of the total membership compared with 8.9% nine years ago, and this appears to be a settled trend. This is in line with the gradually increasing age of the membership, with falls being noted in the proportion of the membership in the under 29 and 30 – 39 age groups and increases for the 50 – 59 and over 60 age groups.

The proportion (and number) of Associate Members has increased during the year, thus continuing the rise noted last year and stemming a decline noted over the previous 8 years. The proportion of Graduates and Students continues its rise and now stands at 6.7% of the total Society membership.

It is with deep regret that Council has learned of the deaths during the year of Mr J N Barnes and Mr J Fettes.

QUALIFICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Membership: Muir Wasson and Keith Walker retired as members of the Committee, Richard Paynter and Sonya Nuttall were welcomed as new members of the committee from the small users and the hospital sectors. The committee met four times in 2002.

RPA 2000 - The committee continued to support the work of RPA 2000 and the QPS Committee Chairman remained as Director of RPA 2000, and the QPS Secretary as RPA 2000 Secretary. By the end of 2002, there were 245 RPA 2000 Certificate Holders, of which 164 were for Certification as an RPA and 81 Specialist Certificates. Five applicants had been rejected. Two new Assessors joined the team. The average time to process an application rose slightly, and, in December 2002, there were 45 applications being processed by the 21 Assessors. The delay in processing applications is seen as a major issue and is being addressed. The HSE Statement regarding Assessment of Radiation Protection Advisers changed significantly in January 2002 and the suite of RPA 2000 documents that describes the protocols and processes were revised and re-issued in January 2002. The revised RPA 2000 documentation was placed onto the SRP web site.

RPA 2000 Assessor Workshop May 2002 - The QPS arranged and managed a one-day workshop for RPA 2000 Assessors to review the assessment process and support requirements and was aimed at improving the service provided to our members. Fourteen of the nineteen Assessors took part. Three subgroups were established covering guidance on -assessing knowledge, preparing portfolios and using CPD for re-Certification. These are due to report in early 2003.

Member Survey - A questionnaire has been created and circulated to members to attempt to answer a number of issues, including future resource demands against supply, member requirements and general membership information. A very good response was received (364 replies) and the results will be published and actions set early in 2003.

Laser Protection Advisers - A request was received from Laser specialists to create a consistent standard of competence for a specialist RPA 2000 certificate in Laser Protection. Much work has been done i.e. preparation of competence standards and criteria.

Continuing Professional Development - The SRP CPD Scheme continued to grow with 310 people registered by the end of 2002 (compared to 283 at the end of 2001). Guidance for RPA 2000 Certificate holders on how to use CPD for RPA 2000 re-certification was placed onto the SRP web site, and is being reviewed by a sub-group early in 2003.

National Vocational Qualifications - A new National Vocational Standard for Radiation Protection at Level 4 was approved by the Curriculum Authority in January 2002 following extensive work by the QPS Committee in 2001. Sadly, despite much effort we have not been able to persuade an Awarding Body to take the next step and award it. It is still hoped that an Awarding Body will be found since it was felt that the NVQ was of particular value in developing and training new people in radiation protection. NVQ Level 3 for Radiation Protection was withdrawn by City and Guilds and is no longer in existence. NVQ Level 2 is still available from the City and Guilds and the first ten candidates were registered in December 2002.

AURPO Certificate of Competence - The QPSCom supported a group of University Radiation Protection Advisers of the Association of University Radiation Protection Officers (AURPO) to create a training and assessment course, run by Strathclyde University as a distance learning package, where candidates could achieve a Certificate in Radiation Protection. The Certificate would show that the candidates had demonstrated an appropriate level of knowledge and understanding of the basic syllabus of the HSE Statement on Radiation Protection Advisers. Successful candidates would then be coached by experienced Radiation Protection Advisers in generating a portfolio of evidence to satisfy the requirements of RPA 2000. The first batch of students (41) were registered in December 2002. The Chairman gave a presentation on NVQs and the AURPO certificate to the Cardiff AGM.

Qualified Experts under RSA93 - Some interest was shown by a number of people in generating a set of competence standards and criteria for a Specialist RPA 2000 Certificate for Qualified Experts under the Radioactive Substances Act 1993, but the Environmental Agencies have not pursued this initiative and therefore little progress has been made during the year.

Nuclear Skills Study Group - The QPSCom was consulted by the Nuclear Skills and Radiological Study Group who are looking into the longer term needs and availability of people with relevant skills. Assistance was provided in the area of radiation protection.

RULES REVISION COMMITTEE

The changes to the Rules drafted by the committee in 2001, all concerned with a Code of Conduct for Members, were considered at the AGM in 2002. Subsequently the changes were all agreed by the membership in a postal ballot.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

The Scientific Programme Committee was renamed the Events Committee in 2002.

Strategic objectives

The strategic objectives of the Events Committee are to:

- Ensure the activities of the Society continue to be fully representative of the core radiological protection interests and establish and maintain a link to organisations and individuals with a secondary interest in radiation protection (Jointly with the Strategic Planning Committee and Council).
- Keep under review the breadth of meetings programme, including workshops and small seminars.
- Keep progress of Topic and Regional groups under review (jointly with Council).

Meetings held in 2002

A summary of the scientific meetings held in 2002 is given below:

The January meeting, held in the Commonwealth Institute, London, discussed issues relating to 'Depleted uranium' released into the environment. Presentations at the meeting ranged from public relations aspects through monitoring, biological uptake and consequences, to unresolved issues and future research. The presentations were supported by healthy debate. The meeting was organised by David Smith and Mike Thorne. In April we visited Cardiff for a two-day meeting held in the National Museum with an exhibition in Cardiff University. The topic was 'The changing role of the radiation professional'. The meeting was very broad ranging. A particularly successful presentation was that given by two younger members on their perception of the profession and why they joined it. It is always difficult to find an ideal venue for a two day meeting with exhibition. While the lecture room theatre and exhibition hall were excellent by themselves it was a pity they were separated by a few hundred yards and across a road. Nevertheless we were blessed with good weather and the meeting was very successful. The meeting was organised by Gus Zabierek.

In June the society organised a tour of BAE SYSTEMS at Warton and held a one day meeting on 'Radio wave exposures- a cause for concern?' BAE SYSTEMS provided an excellent and eye-opening tour of their electromagnetic facilities at Warton Aerodrome. The Scientific meeting concentrated on topics not often addressed by SRP and was a refreshing change. It attracted a high proportion of non-members. The meeting was organised by Adam Lowe.

The British Library was the venue for our October meeting. This was organised by Mike Thorne. A small exhibition was also held at this meeting. The meeting addressed the basis and recent developments in internal dosimetry assessment, the development of VOXEL phantoms and two provocative presentations on uncertainties that stimulated plenty of debate. The British Library proved to be an excellent venue for the meeting.

Reports of all this year's Scientific meetings have been published in The Journal for Radiological Protection.

Meetings planned for 2003 onwards:

We have a forward programme extending to January 2004. James Taylor has organised the January 2003 meeting on 'Accidents and Incidents' which will be held at the British Library, London. We are organising a somewhat special meeting to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Society in April 2003. This is in the form of a three day meeting to be held at St Catherine's College, Oxford. It will comprise both proffered and invited papers. The general theme for this meeting will be ALARA. It is being organised by Duncan Jackson and Mark Ramsay. The June 2003 meeting will comprise a half day workshop on RPA 2000 issues to include generating portfolios and a one day meeting organised by the Regulations, Legislation and Standards topic group. This will be on the

subject of the place of the health physics professional and the law. The October meeting will be on transport issues and is being organised by Stuart Hughes. Finally in the pipe-line is the January 2004 meeting on the subject of 'Setting standards for biota' which will be organised by David Stone.

Other meetings.

The society co-sponsored the BNES International Conference on 'The health effects of low level radiation' (Oxford, 22 - 24 September 2002). SRP was also represented on the organising committees of the European Regional Conference (Florence, 8 - 12 October 2002). The South West regional group held an inaugural meeting and the other regional groups also held meetings during the year.

Future strategy

In deciding the future programme of scientific meetings we want to broadly reflect and anticipate the changing needs and interests of society members. This means we want to cover both nuclear and non-nuclear field effectively. Sometimes this means separating the two areas as in the non-ionising radiations meetings. At other times we need to balance the differing fields within the same meeting. This is especially true for annual meetings when we would like to encourage as many members as possible to attend. An area we have perhaps not covered sufficiently is that of the medical radiation professional and we are considering ways to address this.

SECTORIAL COMMITTEES

As part of an updating of the organisational structure of the SRP, four Sectorial Committees were initiated in 2002. These are:

Radiation Protection in Medicine
Radiation Protection in Research and Teaching
Radiation Protection in the Nuclear Industry
Radiation Protection in Non-Nuclear Industries

Steering groups were set up to develop Terms of Reference for the committees and it is intended that the standing committees when fully inaugurated will include at least two members from the under 35 group. The committees will provide a professional focus on the sector. Council is grateful to the members who took on this task.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Committee met five times during 2002, in January, March, May, September and October. At the May meeting we welcomed John Scott to the Committee with the needs of increased business, particularly in relation to the activities towards Chartered Status.

We dealt with two main issues during the year, as follows:

Organisational Structure of the Society - The paper produced by Mike Thorne in Autumn 2001 was further discussed at the January and March 2002 meetings, and presented to Council as a "working document". Further views including those of Council were considered at our May meeting. As a first step, it was recommended that all Committees and Groups should have approved Terms of Reference. Development of these is currently in progress. One of the main outcomes of the Structure Review is the setting up of four Sectorial Committees: Medical, Nuclear, Non-nuclear and Research/Teaching. We considered Terms of Reference for these Committees and setting up is currently underway. Other recommendations from the Review were: re-forming of Council to comprise voting members with Committee/Group chairmen attending twice a year; a Communication Committee as a development of the ad-hoc Group; and the Scientific Programme Committee to be renamed "Events Committee" and be more managerial/co-ordinatory of the various events which would now materialise.

Chartered Status - Comments were collated by Mike Marshall on the questionnaire on Chartered Status which had been included in the October 2001 Newsletter. The balance of views was sufficiently positive for continuing with the investigatory process. Mike presented these views at the AGM. The next step was to produce a Memorandum for consideration by the Privy Council; we decided to consult other bodies, especially Partner Societies, on the basis of the Memorandum. Members of the Committee produced first drafts of sections of the Memorandum which was then collated by John Scott. Our draft was presented to Council at its November meeting and is being finalised by the President prior to being sent to Partner Societies and other bodies as part of the Consultation.

Other issues addressed by the Committee during the year were: reviewing other Committees' annual reports and "forward looks"; reviewing Society Objectives and associated Strategies; and the Q&PS Committee's questionnaire.

TOPIC GROUPS

SRP Regulations, Legislation and Standards Topic Group

The topic group has met 3 times during the year, and continued its work to expand and develop the bibliography of regulations, legislation and standards on the SRP web site. The transport, emergencies and radioactive waste bibliographies have now been completed and are on the web site. The environment bibliography is in preparation. We have reviewed the structure of the bibliographies to improve the hypertext links and provide links to other materials. This work is at an early stage but significant progress has been made. It is hoped that the work will be completed by late spring. The enhancements will need to be publicised to members so that the usefulness of the bibliographies is enhanced.

The topic group is in the process of detailed organisation of a scientific meeting concerning "The Place of the RPA and the Law". The content of this meeting is well developed with a number of speakers organised. Discussions are in progress with the Events Committee and it is proposed that a two day meeting is held whereby this topic will be combined with an "RPA 2000 workshop". The overall aim is to promote awareness and improve knowledge amongst the profession.

The terms of reference of the group have been updated in line with the standard format. The operation of the group is focused on these TOR's and the method of working is aimed at promoting understanding and awareness of current RP legislation and changes. A more thorough forward look at this issue is seen as a priority for the forthcoming year.

The activities and achievements listed above are directly related to SRP objectives, particularly concerning promotion of knowledge to members and the public.

The current membership of the committee is ; Barbara Gallani, Graham Macro, Ingvar Fife, Mike Gaunt, Steve Griffiths, Simon Clark, David Smith and Sheila Liddle. Barbara Gallani has indicated that due to a change of job within Food Standards Agency, she wishes to stand down as secretary of the group and she is thanked for her work during the year and given best wishes for her new role.

SRP Practical Radiation Protection Topic Group

The group has met three times during the year. Kevin Harrison has now left the group following his retirement and we have been joined by Ingvar Fife from the RLSTG. It is intended that in future members of the RLSTG and PRPTG will attend the other group meeting in rotation to ensure that both are aware of any relevant discussions. Despite the request of last year no new younger members have offered to join the group to express their requirements. It is proposed to make a more active effort to recruit younger members in the coming year.

Several of the draft documents issued by the HSE over the last year have been commented on by the group on behalf of the Society, the latest being The Selection and Use of Respiratory Equipment. It is felt however that the current system of sending out documents for comment is very haphazard and approaches should be made to try to ensure that all relevant documents are formally submitted to the Society for comment.

The anthology of practical tips and "rules of thumb" has now been completed and, having been approved by the Council, will have the requested editorial changes made and placed on the Society web site in the very near future. It is hoped that this will not be a static document and the intention is to encourage people to submit further items for inclusion if they feel they would be useful to the wider health physics community.

The current project of the group is the organisation of a workshop on Clearance Monitoring. This will be held at Harwell towards the end of 2003. The current plans are to have a one and a half day workshop with the first half day using the facilities of the Harwell site to have practical sessions and demonstrations to give attendees the opportunity to see or try out clearance monitoring equipment.

AD-HOC GROUPS

Ad hoc Communications Group

The Group has been strengthened by the welcome addition of Giles Cowling from Dstl. An initiative was launched to increase recognition of the Society within the media. The June Scientific Meeting (*Radio waves – a cause for concern?*) was promoted by news releases prepared by the Institute of Physics press office. These were disseminated via a special web site for technical journalists and received some international attention. The meeting's Lancashire venue however seemed to deter national journalists. Publicity for the London based October event on internal exposure attracted greater success. *New Scientist* was represented at the meeting and the BBC featured it on *News Online*, with a link to the SRP web site. The initiative continued with press releases publicising SRP Founders' Prize/Fellowship recipients. Evaluation of the experiment is in progress. The Communications Group is grateful to the Institute of Physics for its generous assistance with this project. Any further co-operation may however be on a formal commercial basis and the cost/benefit needs to be carefully considered if the relationship is to continue.

The SRP web site continues to be used as the Group's principle communications route to members and to the general public. The Frequently-Asked-Questions feature has been expanded with 30 more questions and answers, including 20 on non-ionising radiation and electromagnetic fields. Questions posted by visitors to the site tend not to be appropriate for public response and have been answered directly, usually by providing links to other web based resources. Interest in the Society's web site continues to grow. Hits per week of the FAQ pages having recently doubled and our home page is now listed by three major search engines in response to inputs of "radiation".

The Group looks forward to 2003 and the implementation of the Strategic Planning Committee's proposal to establish a formal Communications Committee. In the short term, further FAQs on radioactive waste will be added to the web site.

SRP Webmaster

The web site continued to provide a rapid way of publishing documents, such as the consultation on our potential application for a Royal Charter and the updated Bibliography. Membership application forms are now available online, as is a complete set of CPD documents. Some 417 files were uploaded or deleted (compared with 523 in year 2001). The email discussion list ended the year with a membership of 534. There were 320 postings (compared with 569 in 2001), excluding some 100 automatic ones.

REGIONAL GROUPS

NW Regional Group

The Group organised a successful meeting in Manchester in March 2002. The topics included: IRR99 Two Years On; RPA Qualification and The Role of the RPA. There was also an optional tour of Christie Hospital's radiation facilities. The Group is planning to hold another some time in mid 2003. Several offers of a venue have been received, as have a number of suggestions for discussion topics.

Scottish Regional Group

Nil report

SW Regional Group

The inaugural meeting took place in Taunton on 19th March 2002. Although there were only six attendees, the meeting enabled discussion of what areas the group should look to cover, and when/where future meetings should be held. It was a useful meeting and got the regional group up and running. One of the actions from the inaugural meeting was to arrange a regional conference at a site in the south west.

The conference was held at Devonport Royal Dockyard on 18th November 2002. The meeting was well attended with attendees from a range of organisations including The Environment Agency, BNFL Magnox, HSE and Somerset County Council. The conference covered: Introduction to Devonport, Training & Development, RPA2000. The conference concluded with site visits to the Accident Control Centre and HMS Courageous. The amount of interest generated from the regional conference indicates that there is a need for a regional group. Many people expressed an interest in the group and wished to be kept informed of future events, which have yet to be finalised.

Tessa Berry Associates has continued to provide administrative support from its new location in Devon. A central London address is being retained in order to maintain the Society's national and international standing and to further the Society's aim for Chartered Status. Council is very pleased with the support provided by Tessa Berry who has now been the Society's administrator for nine years.

There has been a slight rise in the demand for the Society's placement service during the year and 37 advertisements have been distributed compared to 36 in 2001. The cost of the Service remains at £300 when an advertisement is issued with the Newsletter and £480 at other times. Three editions of the Newsletter were published.

Council wishes to record its thanks to the following officers and members who have given specific service during 2002:

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Miss P E Powell

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Secretary: Mr D Jackson

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Practical Radiation Protection

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