

Charter News - We're Going for CRadP!

The next stage of our journey towards Chartered Status is to submit a draft Charter and Bylaws to the Privy Council. Members will recall the questionnaire that was sent out in May to seek preferences for the proposed Chartered Title. A detailed article on page 2 of this Newsletter sets out the results from the questionnaire, which were discussed at length by the Strategic Planning Committee. It was felt it would be valuable to be able to offer the Chartered Title, in addition to Full Members of SRP, to accredited members of Partner Societies (International Members) and thereby further the objectives of a wide coverage of radiation protection. It was therefore recommended to Council to separate the title for full Membership of the Society (ie MSRP or FSRP) from Chartered Status. This effectively ruled out the option of CMSRP/CFSRP which had been suggested in the questionnaire. Nevertheless the results of the survey were extremely valuable in pointing the way. Almost equal preference was given for Chartered Radiation Protection Professional, and Council has decided to adopt this, along with the designatory letters CRadP, which some respondees said had been omitted. So individual views do make a difference, and thanks to all who did respond to the questionnaire. The Title and letters will now form part of the draft Charter and Bylaws to go to the Privy Council by the end of this year. Watch this space!

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Chartered Title Survey – The Details

Earlier this year the Strategic Planning Committee organised a questionnaire to seek members' opinions on the precise Chartered Title to be adopted should SRP be successful in its application for chartered status. Members were provided with 5 options and asked to prioritise 3. The options suggested were;

1. Chartered Member (or Fellow) of SRP
2. Chartered Radiation Protection Professional
3. Chartered Radiation Protection Practitioner
4. Chartered Professional in Radiation Protection
5. Chartered Practitioner in Radiation Protection

In addition members were also asked to indicate which title they preferred for options 2 – 5. The possibilities were;

1. CRad
2. CRPP (or CPRP)
3. CRadPP (or CPRadP)

A total of 1425 questionnaires were circulated with 559 being returned. Of these it was possible to determine the preferences from 556 returns representing 39% of the eligible membership.

Members' views on the title were determined by two different methods, the Alternate Vote (AV) method and a simple weighting system. In the AV method, the winning title must receive at least 50% of the votes cast. If this does not happen in the first round of voting the title option with the least votes is removed and the 2nd and 3rd preferences for this option are promoted to 1st and 2nd preferences. The process iterates until one option has more than 50%.

The results determined using the AV system are indicated below;

Voting Round	Chartered Member/ Fellow	Chartered RP Professional	Chartered RP Practitioner	Chartered Professional in RP	Chartered Practitioner in RP
1	209 (37.39%)	141 (25.22%)	72 (12.88%)	86 (15.38%)	51 (9.12%)
2	214 (38.56%)	141 (25.41%)	106 (19.10%)	94 (16.94%)	
3	231 (42.08%)	203 (36.79%)	116 (21.13%)		
4	252 (51.64%)	236 (48.36%)			

Assessing members' views using a weighted system in which a first preference receives a weight of 3, a second preference a weight of 2 etc gave the following result;

Preference	Chartered Member/ Fellow	Chartered RP Professional	Chartered RP Practitioner	Chartered Professional in RP	Chartered Practitioner in RP
1	208	140	71	85	51
2	43	132	82	143	77
3	91	64	75	76	66
Total	801 (26.78%)	748 (25.01%)	452 (15.11%)	617 (20.63%)	373 (12.47%)

These results indicated that the marginally preferred option was Chartered Member/Fellow of SRP. However Chartered Radiation Protection Professional received a similar level of support.

Strategic Planning Committee debated these preferences at length and reached the conclusion that the marginally preferred option, Chartered Member/Fellow, would not be appropriate if chartered status was to be made available to international members – ie members of partner societies. For this reason the Committee decided to opt for the close second preference, Chartered Radiation Protection Professional.

The preferred abbreviation determined by the questionnaire for this option was CRad. However a number of respondents to the survey had commented that this abbreviation did not highlight “ Protection” sufficiently, and an earlier suggested abbreviation, CRadP, was their preferred abbreviation and should have been included as an option in the questionnaire. The Committee felt that this was an important omission and decided, unanimously, that CRadP would be a more appropriate abbreviation.

The recommendation for Chartered Radiation Protection Professional, abbreviated to CRadP, was put to Council who have accepted it as our proposal for the next stage of submission to the Privy Council. Strategic Planning Committee feels that a very positive solution has come out of the questionnaire, which makes best use of the results. Thanks are extended to all those who responded.

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