

SRP Sectorial Committee: Radiation Protection in Medicine

Meeting Summary: 002 2nd October, 2003. London

The Committee accepted guidance from Council re terms of reference and meeting summaries. It is intended that meeting summaries will be sent to contacts in Partner Societies and HSE and EA, with copies on the sector's SRP web page.

Introductory letters have been drafted for Partner Societies and professional associations linked to the sector (dentists, chiropractors, podiatrists and vets).

Plans have been developed for the content of the Medical Sector web page within SRP. This is to include Committee meeting summaries, information on forthcoming meetings/seminars of interest, detailed notes of recent meetings from SRP members, publication reviews, consultations and news items. Some of these will link to other SRP pages as appropriate. Several recent or forthcoming meetings were identified where summary notes could be provided.

The Committee has drafted a programme for a half-day Special Focus Group Session on Radiation Protection to be incorporated into the 2004 UK Radiology Congress in Manchester next June. Our initial proposals have had a positive response from the UKRC organisers and we are now producing a detailed agenda with speakers.

The IPEM's Radiation Protection Special Interest Group has invited the Committee to jointly organise their next "RPA Update" meeting, which is a well attended one-day meeting. The terms of this arrangement need to be agreed.

For future meetings the Committee suggested that a session, perhaps at a future SRP AGM, on sharing experiences with other SRP Sectors, would be very informative. In particular, we would be interested in working with the nuclear Sector on a joint session highlighting how we have each tackled the same issues.

Terms of reference have been modified in line with suggestions made by Council. There is also a minor change proposed as a matter of clarification – our primary purpose shall refer to **clinical research** rather than "medical and bio-medical research" in order to reduce the potential overlap with the Research and Teaching Committee.

The next meeting of the Committee is provisionally booked for 21st April 2004 in London. However, the possibility of holding at the SRP AGM meeting will be investigated.

Report prepared by Peter Marsden, RP in Medicine Chairman. October 2003.