

## **SRP Sectorial Committee: Radiation Protection in Medicine**

The RP in Medicine Committee met on 27<sup>th</sup> April in London.

We discussed the request from the Events Committee to organise a Medical Meeting in November. The members felt that this was too short notice and, given the number of recent and planned meetings on radiation protection in the healthcare sector, we would struggle for a theme and an audience. We have, however, the opportunity to collaborate with the LH Gray Trustees in organising a 2-day meeting on the Biological Effects of Radiation for radiation protection practitioners. We concluded that this would have a broad appeal and raise the profile of the SRP. We therefore propose to Council that the Medical Sector Committee make a positive response of interest to the LH Gray Trustees and gather further information on the organisational arrangements to present back to Council as soon as possible.

The Committee agreed to make collective comments on the HASS consultation, which will be forwarded to SRP Secretary shortly.

The Committee also discussed the proposals for standards for the certification of qualified experts under RSA93. We felt that the small users interpretation of a QE would be sufficiently different from that of, say, the nuclear industry, that we propose, with Council's approval, to draft a set of standards relating to the small user QE. This would be forwarded to the SRP QPSC and RPA2000. This is particularly pertinent to the medical sector following publication of EFOMP's direction on training and education of radiation protection experts in healthcare. We would like to circulate this document to members of Council who express an interest.

We agreed to link in to the general "ask the expert" feature on the SRP website, and will be updating our own page on the site shortly.

Report prepared by Peter Marsden, RP in Medicine Chairman. May 2005.