



# **The Society for Radiological Protection**

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Dear Mr Galloway

## **Proposed Application for a Royal Charter**

As you know, the Society for Radiological Protection is considering applying for a Royal Charter and, in June 2003, sought your advice on the likely chances of success of a formal Petition. Having consulted advisers you subsequently advised that a case had not been made for granting a Charter on public interest grounds.

Since that time the Society has: agreed terms of a merger with another society, the Institute of Radiation Protection, with no change to our Society's name or rules; strengthened its organisation to reaffirm coverage of all aspects of radiation protection, by the formation of a Non-ionising Radiation Protection Topic Group; strengthened its relations with Government Departments in highly topical areas by organising two workshops on Radiological Clearance (in liaison with Defra) and a scientific meeting on Radiological Terrorism (in liaison with the Department of Health); and organised a further successful international symposium with prestigious international speakers in radiation protection. Further, the European Radiation Protection Societies have agreed to support our bid to host the International Radiation Protection Association International Congress in Glasgow in 2012.

Naturally, we have paid attention to the points made in your response of 19 April 2004. We believe that we can demonstrate that we meet the criteria of making an indispensable contribution to the field of radiation protection and of representing a discrete profession/body of opinion. We address these criteria in our new memorandum, herewith.

We therefore seek your advice on our revised proposed application. I would be pleased to supply any further information that you may require and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Wendy Bines OBE  
President