

## Announcement and call for registration

# EURADOS Annual Meeting 2021

## AM2021

### VIRTUAL MEETING

#### INVITATION

Dear EURADOS Community,

Normal life continues to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. In this normal life, it had become a tradition to meet with the whole EURADOS community in the beginning of each year. But unfortunately it will not be possible to have our beloved Annual Meeting in Belgrade in 2021. Given the large uncertainties about the pandemic, we are forced to change our habits by turning our traditional Annual Meeting into a totally virtual event.

To support the EURADOS commitment of education and training, we will organise a Winter School. This 14<sup>th</sup> EURADOS Winter School will be devoted to the topic of "Fetal radiation risk: dose assessment in occupational, medical and emergency situations". This event will take place online on 3 and 4 February 2021 (see agenda below).

Despite the very special circumstances, we hope that this event will enable the dosimetry community to stay in touch, strengthen existing contacts and develop new ones, and foster the emergence of innovative scientific ideas.

We do hope that in 2022 we will be able to meet in person again in Belgrade, Serbia!



Filip Vanhavere  
*Chairperson EURADOS*

**14<sup>th</sup> EURADOS Winter School (*online event*)  
'Fetal radiation risk: dose assessment in occupational,  
medical and emergency situations'**

3 February 2021 (14:30-18:00 UTC+1) and 4 February 2021 (14:30-18:00 UTC+1)

**Scope**

It is well known that the developing conceptus (embryo or fetus) is highly radiosensitive, and the potential detrimental effects of ionising radiation on both the unborn child and breastfeeding infants are of particular concern in the context of radiation protection. Consequently, substantial efforts have been undertaken in ionising radiation research to improve our knowledge of dosimetry, radiation effects and risks from occupational, medical or public exposures of pregnant and breastfeeding women, and more generally of females of child-bearing age.

The International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP), the European Commission (EC) and the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP), along with many other national organisations have developed guidance on radiation risks following prenatal (in-utero) irradiation, including practical recommendations on in-utero medical exposures, and dose coefficients for the embryo/fetus. In addition, there is a significant body of scientific literature reviewing experimental animal data on the in-utero effects of radiation and evaluating human studies concerning the in-utero risk of cancer induction and effects on the developing brain.

The Winter School will present an overview of our current understanding of the scientific evidence for radiation risks and potential outcomes, including congenital malformations, growth retardation, loss of pregnancy, mental retardation and cancer risks to the unborn child and pregnant patient. Ionising radiation from all sources will be presented with additional focus on specific situations such as exposure to pregnant workers, medical exposures (radiotherapy and diagnostic imaging) and emergency situations. The assessment of effective dose and committed effective dose as well as the protective measures to mitigate risk to all developmental stages from conceptus to the breastfed infant will be discussed. Finally, counseling and communicating the risk to a pregnant woman, along with examples of situation in various European countries will be presented.

All lectures will be given by internationally well-known scientists who are involved in the field. Participants will receive a certificate of attendance. EURADOS will apply for the event accreditation through the European Board for Accreditation in Medical Physics (EBAMP).

**Topics**

- Epidemiology & Biological effects
- External and internal dosimetry
- Occupational and medical exposures
- Emergency situations
- International and national recommendations
- Radiation related risk communication

**Scientific Committee**

- Eleftheria Carinou (Greek Atomic Energy Commission – EEAE, Greece)
- Augusto Giussani (Federal Office for Radiation Protection – BfS, Germany)
- Una O'Connor (St. James's Hospital – SJH, Ireland)
- Jelena Pajić (Serbian Institute of Occupational Health – SIOH, Serbia)
- Liliana Stolarczyk (Danish Centre for Particle Therapy – DCPT, Denmark and Cyclotron Centre Bronowice - CCB IFJ PAN, Poland)

**Programme of the 14<sup>th</sup> EURADOS Winter School  
'Fetal radiation risk: dose assessment in occupational,  
medical and emergency situations'**

| Time (UTC+1)  | Topic   | Speaker   |
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| <b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2021: 14:30-18:00 UTC+1</b>                 |   |   |
| Chair/Moderator: Jelena Pajić, SIOH (Serbia); Augusto Giussani, BfS (Germany)       |   |   |
| 14:30   | Welcome and introduction to the Winter School   | <b>Jelena Pajić</b> on behalf of organisers and scientific committee<br>SIOH (Serbia) |
| 14:30-14:55   | Historical context and epidemiological data   | <b>Richard Wakeford</b><br>UMAN/ICRP (United Kingdom)                                 |
| 14:55-15:20   | Biological effects and genetics   | <b>Kimberly Applegate</b><br>UKY/ICRP (USA)   |
| 15:20-15:45   | Assessment of doses to embryo and fetus after incorporation of radionuclides  | <b>Sigrid Leide-Svegborn</b><br>SUS (Sweden)  |
| 15:45-16:00   | Discussion after the session  |   |
| 16:00-16:30   | <b>Break</b>  |   |
| Chair/Moderator: Augusto Giussani, BfS (Germany); Eleftheria Carinou, EEAE (Greece) |   |   |
| 16:30   | Session Opening   |   |
| 16:30-16:55   | Assessment of doses to embryo and fetus - external dosimetry  | <b>Natalia Saltybaeva</b><br>USZ (Switzerland)  |
| 16:55-17:20   | Radiation exposure of pregnant patients and pregnant employees in imaging departments: An overview of regulations and recommendations | <b>John Damilakis</b><br>UoC (Greece)   |
| 17:20-17:45   | Possible effects of space radiation exposure on the reproductive system and fetal development   | <b>Hiroshi Yasuda</b><br>HU (Japan)   |
| 17:45-18:00   | Discussion after the session  |   |

| Time (UTC+1)   | Topic  | Speaker   |
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| <b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2021: 14:30-18:00 UTC+1</b>                                     |  |   |
| Chair/Moderator: Una O'Connor, SJH (Ireland); Liliana Stolarczyk, DCPT (Denmark), CCB IFJ PAN (Poland) |  |   |
| 14:30  | Session Opening  |   |
| 14:30-14:50  | Radiologists perspective on protection of the fetus in a paediatric hospital                             | <b>Aisling Snow</b><br>CHI (Ireland)  |
| 14:50-15:10  | Medical Physics Expert perspective on protection of the fetus in an adult diagnostic imaging hospital    | <b>Geraldine O'Reilly</b><br>SJH (Ireland)  |
| 15:10-15:30  | Cancer treatment during pregnancy  | <b>Frédéric Amant</b><br>UZ Leuven/INCIP (Belgium)  |
| 15:30-15:50  | Radiotherapy during pregnancy  | <b>Marijke De Saint-Hubert</b><br>SCK CEN (Belgium)   |
| 15:50-16:05  | Discussion after the session   |   |
| 16:05-16:35  | <b>Break</b>   |   |
| Chair/Moderator: Augusto Giussani, BfS (Germany); Eleftheria Carinou, EEAE (Greece)                    |  |   |
| 16:35  | Session Opening  |   |
| 16:35-18:00  | <b>Round table discussion<sup>1)</sup></b> , including presentation of approaches in different countries | <b>Holger Klammer</b> , BfS (Germany)<br><b>Geraldine O'Reilly</b> , SJH (Ireland)<br><b>Sotirios Economides</b> , EEAE (Greece)<br><b>Jelena Pajić</b> , SIOH (Serbia)<br><b>Dario Faj</b> , UNIOS (Croatia)<br><b>An Fremout</b> , FANC (Belgium) |

<sup>1)</sup> We would like to have audience input on the round-table discussion. Please submit your questions or topics in advance to the Course Co-ordinator at [office@eurados.org](mailto:office@eurados.org).

## REGISTRATION

**Registration is free of charge, but it is mandatory.**

It should be done online at [www.eurados-registration.org](http://www.eurados-registration.org)

- before 11 January 2021 for the Working Group Meetings and the General Assembly.
- before 25 January 2021 for the Winter School.

A certificate of participation to the Winter School may be requested free of charge in the registration form. The certificate will be sent by e-mail in the second week of February 2021.

The Working Group meetings are open and participants are welcome. If you register for participation, the Working Group Chairpersons will be informed in advance.

## CONNECTION INSTRUCTIONS

All meetings will be performed online with Microsoft Teams and BigMarker.

Specific instructions for the connection will be sent by email to each registered participant.

## INDUSTRY EXHIBITION

Industry partners who would like to present their companies and products in an online presentation during this Annual Meeting should indicate their interest by e-mail to [office@eurados.org](mailto:office@eurados.org). Time slots for slide shows of up to 5 min are foreseen at the beginning and during the breaks of the Winter School and General Assembly on 3 and 4 February 2021.

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