Korea has become the world's fifth largest nuclear power producer today. The Korean government has actively endeavored to protect nationals' wellbeing and environment from any threats caused by the use of nuclear power and RI sources. The Korean Association for Radiation Protection (KARP) has played the key role in leading academic societies to achieve ultimate radiation protection and to keep the safety of radiation worker and public in Korea. With proactive engagements of international activities such as IRPA, AOARP, ICRP, and UNSCEAR, KARP now would like to extend our responsibility for sharing of the experiences and desire to learn the updated technology through hosting the IRPA international congress.

Dear Delegates and Friends,

On behalf of the KARP IRPA 15 Organizing Committee (KOC), it is my great pleasure to invite you to the 15th International Congress of the International Radiation Protection Association (IRPA) to be held on May 11-15, 2020 in Seoul, Korea.

The Organizing Committee has exerted tremendous effort to make the most highly acclaimed congress in radiation protection more rewarding and enjoyable with a comprehensive and exciting scientific program while maintaining the IRPA traditions and promoting mutual friendship.

Under the theme of "Bridging RP Culture and Science – Widening Public Empathy", the IRPA 15 will provide invaluable opportunities to discuss and strengthen the correlation between RP culture and science and share various scientific knowledge and related experiences in radiation protection not only among experts but also with the public.

As a city with more than a 600-year history, Seoul, the nation’s capital and the venue city of this congress, possesses a wealth of historical monuments, tourist attractions and vivid lifestyles. Excellent hotels and the exceptionally safe and attractive meeting venue (COEX), which is the most modern, high-tech facility in Asia, will make your participation as easy and comfortable as possible.

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation for your interest in IRPA 15, and I look forward to welcoming you to Seoul in 2020 for the IRPA 15.

Jong Kyung KIM
Chairman
KARP IRPA 15 Organizing Committee
Culture & History
Seoul is a city that embraces the beauty of both tradition and modernity. With five ancient palaces and five World Heritage Sites designated by UNESCO, Seoul is living history of 600 years as the capital of the Choseon Dynasty.

Entertainment & Shopping
Seoul is a shopper’s heaven. The city has numerous shopping malls, department stores, duty free shops, and traditional markets, making shopping available 24/7 all year-round. Seoul also offers a variety of cultural entertainment such as performances, movies, plays, and musicals that run until late in the evening.

Green & High-tech
Seoul is a modern metropolis surrounded by mountains and divided by the Han River. The city has several parks and trails, and pursues various policies to preserve the environment such as using eco-friendly fuel and vehicles, hosting green international conferences, and operating environment-friendly convention centers. Seoul also boasts a strong foundation for information technology, providing access to the Internet from any location and various applications in people’s daily lives. The city features ubiquitous-based services and digital pavilions, offering new and futuristic experiences in high-tech IT.

Korea has been the strategic crossroads in Asia for many centuries. Korea boasts of five millennia-long histories where diverse cultures meet. The country possesses fascinating scenic views of cloud-enshrouded mountains, waters of fresh mountain stream, golden rice fields and many other striking views nationwide.

A diverse array of food and dishes can be found throughout Korea. These days Korean cuisine is characterized by a wide variety of meat and fish dishes along with wild greens and vegetables. Various fermented and preserved food, such as kimchi (fermented spicy cabbage), jeotgal (matured seafood with salt) and doenjang (fermented soybean paste) are notable for their specific flavor and high nutritional value.