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Dear Dr. le Guen:

As mentioned previously in our letter dated January 12, 2015 to IRPA Chairperson, Ms. Renata Czarwinski, the Health Physics Society wishes to inform you that we are pleased to submit an expression of interest (EOI) to host the 16th IRPA Congress in 2024. Since this letter was originally submitted, the Canadian Radiation Protection Association (CRPA-ACRP) and the Sociedad Mexicana de Seguridad Radiológica (SMSR) have united with the HPS to form the IRPA 2024 North American bid.

It should be noted that the last IRPA Congress held in North America occurred in Montreal in 1992. The last IRPA Congress held in the United States occurred in Washington, DC in 1973.

The meeting would be held in Orlando, Florida. Orlando receives approximately 60 million visitors every year, of which approximately 3 million are from outside of the United States. Because of this fact, Orlando and the surrounding area are very accustomed to hosting meetings and entertaining meeting participants. Many of the theme parks in Orlando such as Disney World, Universal Studios and SeaWorld, are some of the most visited in the world.

Within a short drive from Orlando is the Kennedy Space Center, home of the Apollo missions, the first lunar launch and the Space Shuttle launches.

Some other interesting facts about Orlando include:

- There are over 100 lakes and streams in the city of Orlando and it is nicknamed, 'The City Beautiful'.
- There are so many attractions in Orlando that it is estimated that it would take the average visitor 67 full days to experience every one.
- Orlando International Airport (MCO) serves an estimated 35 million passengers per year and serves most countries.
- If you were to have breakfast, lunch and dinner at a different Orlando restaurant, it is estimated that it would take you five years to eat at all 5,300 of them.

The topic for the meeting will be Radiation Harmonization - Standing United For Protection. The focus of the meeting will not only involve reviewing differences in the approaches to the regulatory processes that may exist between countries but also differences within the protection community itself. Themes that would be reviewed at the meeting include:

- harmonizing regulatory standards (or guidance) for the protection of the worker, the public, the patient and the environment

- models used for radiation protection, such as LNT, and the definition and components of radiation “detriment”
- terminology & definitions used by ICRP and NCRP

Questions related to harmonization that could be addressed at the meeting include:

- How can ethical principles be incorporated into a system of protection?
- Can a harmonized approach to communicating radiation risks and issues be developed?
- Can Issues related to emergency response and recovery be made consistent across nations?

The location for the meeting, Rosen Shingle Creek (<http://www.rosenshinglecreek.com/>), has its own convention center and boasts of nearly 1500 spacious guest rooms and is large enough to host the meeting **and** its participants – which we believe is a real advantage. We have negotiated a very favorable guaranteed rate of US \$139 per night (€ 124.5; £ 98.3 per night).

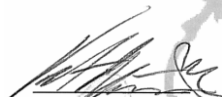
We look forward to discussing our proposal with the delegates at the Sunday Associate Society Forum and the Wednesday General Assembly meeting in Cape Town.



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