DoReMi workshops: engaging the wider scientific community and promoting excellence

One of the aims of DoReMi is to develop interactions with the broader scientific and health community and to participate in the development and refinement of scientific views on major scientific issues related to low dose risk. To this end, DoReMi supports the organization of workshops to promote the dissemination and exploitation of DoReMi activities as well as to participate in the integration of new disciplines in low dose radiation protection research. These workshops have gathered scientists not only from the different DoReMi partner organizations but also from the wider scientific community to exchange their views on the selected topic. In addition, experts recognized for their experience in the domains of interest were also invited by the organizers to provide an overview of the state of the art in the field and a critical assessment of its relevance to low dose health effects research. Ultimately, it is expected that these workshops will lead to the identification and specification of new lines of investigation to improve the knowledge in low dose health risk, which will find their way into DoReMi’s Transitional Research Agenda, and then later to MELODI SRA and future calls for projects.

For example, in 2013, workshops have already been organized on “Epigenetics”, by Stockholm University (April 2013), “Radiation Quality”, by University of Pavia (July 2013), “Effects in cellular 3D culture systems of ionizing radiation and other genotoxic agents”, by Erasmus Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam, (September 2013) in association with the European projects EpiRadBio, Procardio, Cerebrad, DDResponse and PREDECT, and “Low dose radiation effects on the immune system: current knowledge and future research needs” (November 2013), by “Frédéric Joliot-Curie” National Research Institute for Radiobiology and Radiohygiene, Universitaetsklinikum Erlangen and Commissariat à l’Energie Atomique et Aux Energies Alternatives. In 2014, there has been a workshop on “Live Cell Microirradiation” organized by Universität der Bundeswehr München (December 2014). This year (2015), two workshops were held (April 2015) to discuss “Infrastructures and sustainability”, organized by DoReMi WP4, and a “TRA and Consensus meeting for position papers on consequences on risk assessment and radiation protection”, by DoReMi WP2, to present DoReMi achievements and pave the way for future actions. Some of the presentations given during these workshops are also available on the DoReMi Website, by courtesy of the speakers.

Before DoReMi ends, in December 2015, 3 more workshops will take place, on “Statistical analysis”, organized by the Department of Health - Public Health England, “Endothelium and cardiovascular protection” by Jagiellonian University and Stockholm University, and on “Mitochondria and low dose radiation” by Helmholtz Zentrum München. More information on these workshops will be posted in due time on the DoReMi website.

By making these workshops possible and providing related information and presentations on the DoReMi website, DoReMi takes an essential role in knowledge management and dissemination to improve radioprotection and risk assessment at low doses.

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WP2, task 2.3 Dissemination
Masters in Radiation Biology, Technical University Munich, Germany

The Technical University of Munich will start a Masters degree course in Radiation Biology in October 2015, following on from the European MSc course. The two year degree course will start in October 2015, will be taught in the English language, and charges NO tuition fees.

Registration is open but closes at the end of July 2015. Interested graduates holding (or expecting) a good bachelor or medical degree are encouraged to register their interest online. Final application formalities (certificates etc.) can be uploaded at a later date prior to the start of the academic year, but you must register your interest before the end of the month. More information available here.

Big in Japan!

A DoReMi session was included in the programme of the 15th International Congress of Radiation Research 2015 (May 2015, Kyoto, Japan). The abstracts and presentations of this important dissemination activity are available here.

CONCERT has begun

The CONCERT project, European Joint Programme for the Integration of Radiation Protection Research has started in June 2015. CONCERT will launch calls for research projects in early 2016. The presentations of the kick-off meeting are available here.

OPERRA e-survey report on European radiation protection research priorities

This report provides an analysis of responses to the OPERRA eSurvey of stakeholder views on research topics of greatest relevance to radiation protection in Europe. The survey was carried out by members of the OPERRA project with assistance from members of the European radiation protection platforms, MELODI, EURADOS, NERIS and ALLIANCE, engaged in low dose risk, dosimetry, emergency planning and radioecology, respectively. The final report is available here.

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