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NON-IONIZING RADIATION

Non-ionizing radiation includes static electric and magnetic fields, extremely low frequency fields, radio-frequency fields including microwaves, infrared, visible and ultraviolet radiation, lasers, ultrasound and infrasound.

ICNIRP'S ROOTS

ICNIRP's beginnings go back to 1973 when, during the 3rd International Congress of the International Radiation Protection Association (IRPA), for the first time, a session on non-ionizing radiation protection was organized.

This was followed in 1974 by the formation of a Working Group on non-ionizing radiation and in 1975 of a Study Group to review the field of non-ionizing radiation. During the 4th IRPA International Congress in 1977 the International Non-Ionizing Radiation Committee (INIRC) was created. This Committee was the immediate forerunner of ICNIRP which was chartered as an independent Commission in 1992 during the IRPA 8th International Congress.

ICNIRP is a formally recognized non-governmental organization for the World Health Organization and the International Labor Organization.

Since the beginnings of INIRC and ICNIRP over 20 years ago, its members have devoted their scientific efforts to providing independent authoritative advice on non-ionizing radiation and health. Today this work is carried out by the Main Commission, its Standing Committees in cooperation with its Consulting Experts.

Thus ICNIRP aspires to provide the most authoritative independent expert advice on matters relating to non-ionizing radiation and health and to consult widely in formulating and promulgating such advice.

ICNIRP is registered under German law as a non-profit making body.

Its Secretariat is based in Munich.

ICNIRP'S AIMS

The International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP)

- is an independent scientific organization, whose aims are to provide guidance and advice on the health hazards of non-ionizing radiation exposure,
- was established to advance non-ionizing radiation protection for the benefit of people and the environment,
- develops international guidelines on limiting exposure to non-ionizing radiations which are independent and science based,
- provides science based guidance and recommendations on protection from non-ionizing radiation exposure,
- establishes principles of non-ionizing radiation protection for formulating international and national protection programs,
- is the recognized non-governmental organization in non-ionizing radiation for the World Health Organization and the International Labor Organization,
- maintains a close liaison and working relationship with all international bodies engaged in the field of non-ionizing radiation protection,
- represents radiation protection professionals worldwide through its close collaboration with the International Radiation Protection Association and its national societies.

ICNIRP'S ACTIVITIES

ICNIRP communicates its views, advice and recommendations through publications, which are prepared by the Main Commission in coordination with its four Standing Committees on Epidemiology, Biology, Physics and Engineering and Optical Radiation. Since 2000, ICNIRP has added a larger range of specific skills and expertise to its membership through the appointment of Consulting Experts, who are integrated in the review process of documents.



ICNIRP'S PARTNERS IN PROTECTION

Work is conducted in conjunction with appropriate international and national health and research organizations as well as universities and other academic institutions. These include:

- World Health Organization
- European Commission
- International Radiation Protection Association
- International Labor Organization
- International Commission on Occupational Health
- Bioelectromagnetics Society
- European Bio-Electromagnetics Association
- European Society of Skin Cancer Prevention

