Keith F. Eckerman is Thirty-Ninth L.S. Taylor Lecturer

Dr. Keith F Eckerman has been selected to give the 39th Lauriston S. Taylor Lecture at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP). The lecture, entitled Dosimetry of Internal Emitters: Contribution of Radiation Protection Bodies and Radiological Events, will be the featured presentation at the 51st Annual Meeting to be held March 16–17, 2015. The Lecture will be given in the Crystal Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, 7400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland at 5:00 p.m. on March 16, 2015. The lecture series honors the late Dr. Lauriston S. Taylor, the NCRP founding President (1929 to 1977) and President Emeritus (1977 to 2004). A reception sponsored by Landauer, Inc. follows the presentation and all are invited to attend.

Dr. Eckerman is a retired staff member of the Environmental Sciences Division of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

In 1962, Dr. Eckerman graduated with a B.S. in Mathematics and Chemistry, and minor in Physics, from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. From 1962 to 1966 he taught high school and attended a National Science Foundation Program at Marquette University. To complete the research for an M.S. in Physics, Dr. Eckerman, under sponsorship of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, spent an academic year at Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) and obtained his M.S. degree from Marquette University in 1967. He attended Northwestern University from 1967 to 1972 and received his Ph.D. degree in Radiological Health. Dr. Eckerman worked at Argonne National Laboratory from 1972 to 1974 and with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (1974 to 1978) prior to joining Oak Ridge National Laboratory in 1979. He retired from the laboratory in 2013.

Dr. Eckerman served on a number of NCRP scientific committees (SC) in the early 1980s; most recently on SC 4-1 (Management of Persons Contaminated with Radionuclides) and SC 6-9 (U.S. Radiation Workers and Nuclear Weapons Test Participants Radiation Dose Assessment). Dr. Eckerman is a Distinguished Emeritus Member of the Council. In 1999 he received the Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award from the Health Physics Society, in 2001 the Loevinger-Berman Award from the Society of Nuclear Medicine, and the Gold Medal in Radiation Protection awarded by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in 2012.

Dr. Eckerman was a member of Committee 2 of the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP) from 1984 to 2012 and chaired the Task Group on Dose Calculations from 1984 to 2007. Dr. Eckerman is an Emeritus Member of the ICRP.

The 2015 Annual Meeting celebrates 51 years since Congress chartered the NCRP as the voice for radiation protection in the United States. The theme is Changing Regulations and Radiation Guidance: What Does the Future Hold? Dr. Eckerman has served and provided leadership and direction to the radiation protection community for over three decades and most recently during the adoption of changes in regulations related to the intake of radioactive elements into the body. Dr. Eckerman is a perfect fit to be the “main event” at the 2015 Annual Meeting!

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