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## *F. Ward Whicker is Forty-First L.S. Taylor Lecturer*

Dr. F. Ward Whicker has been selected to give the 41st Lauriston S. Taylor Lecture at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP). The lecture, entitled “Environmental Radiation and Life: A Broad View,” will be the featured presentation at the 53rd Annual Meeting to be held March 6–7, 2017. 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 6, 2017. 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. Whicker is Professor Emeritus at Colorado State University (CSU), where he taught graduate level courses in radioecology and radionuclide transport modeling for over 40 years. He and his graduate students conducted research in these fields, leading to the development of approximately 175 open literature publications, dozens of technical reports, many book chapters, and five books. His formal teaching extended to organizations such as the International Atomic Energy Agency, the International Union of Radioecologists, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In 1989 he founded the Par Pond Radioecology Laboratory at the Savannah River Site, where he spent three years studying the behavior of radionuclides in aquatic ecosystems. Dr. Whicker is regarded as one of the founders of radioecology, the field addressing the fate and effects of radioactivity in the environment.

Dr. Whicker was elected as a Distinguished Emeritus Member of NCRP in 2004 after serving 12 years on the Council. His service to the NCRP includes the Board of Directors from 1994 to 2000; Scientific Vice President of Environmental Radioactive Waste; chairman of SC 64-23 on Cesium in the Environment; a member of SC 1 on Basic Criteria, Epidemiology, Radiobiology and Risk and SC 64-16 on Uncertainties in Application of Screening Models; and served on program committees for both the 1995 and 2001 annual meetings.

He has served on review panels for many organizations, consulted for private organizations, and is frequently called as an expert witness on litigation issues concerning radioactivity in the environment. He served as Associate Editor for the Americas for the *Journal of Environmental Radioactivity*. His awards include the Sigma Xi CSU Chapter Honor Scientist, the CSU Glover Gallery of Distinguished Faculty, the Award for Significant Scientific Contributions from the Health Physics Society, the E.O. Lawrence Award from the U.S. Department of Energy, and the International Union of Radioecology’s first V.I. Vernadsky Award. In “retirement,” he guides mountain trips for the Colorado Mountain Club, and volunteers time to lecture and advise graduate students at CSU.

The 2017 Annual Meeting celebrates 53 years since Congress chartered the NCRP as the voice for radiation protection in the United States. The theme is “Emergency Preparedness for Nuclear Terrorism: What are Remaining Gaps and is There Need for Realignment of National Efforts.” Registration is free. The L.S. Taylor Lecture and other sessions of the 2017 Annual Meeting are open to everyone with an interest in radiation protection, measurements, health and science.

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