Fred A. Mettler, Jr. is
Thirty-Eighth L.S. Taylor Lecturer

Dr. Fred A. Mettler, Jr. has been selected to give the 38th Lauriston S. Taylor Lecture at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP). The Address, entitled On the Shoulders of Giants: Radiation Protection Over 50 Years, will be the featured presentation at the 50th Annual Meeting to be held March 10 and 11, 2014. 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 10, 2014. 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. Mettler is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Radiology at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. He was the chairman of the department from 1994 to 2003. He is currently employed by the New Mexico Federal Regional Medical Center.

In 1966, Dr. Mettler graduated with a B.A. in Mathematics from Columbia University and in 1970 received an M.D. from Thomas Jefferson University. He performed a rotating internship at the University of Chicago and subsequently completed a Radiology and Nuclear Medicine Residency at Massachusetts General Hospital. He received an M.S. in Public Health from Harvard University in 1975. Dr. Mettler has authored over 360 scientific publications, including 20 books, and holds four patents.

After servicing on a number of NCRP scientific committees (SC) in the early 1980s, Dr. Mettler was elected to NCRP in 1986 and became a Distinguished Emeritus Member in 2010. Dr. Mettler served on the Board of Directors from 1991 to 1995 and was Scientific Vice President for Program Area Committee 4, Radiation Protection in Medicine, from 1999 to 2001. He chaired SC 44 and was a member of SC 2-1, SC 6-2, SC 46-14, and SC 63. Dr. Mettler served as a member of the NCRP Budget and Finance Committee from 1988 to 1994 and was a member in 1992, 1999, 2004, and 2007 of the Annual Meeting Program Committee. He was the 9th Warren K. Sinclair Keynote Speaker at the 2012 NCRP Annual Meeting.

Dr. Mettler is currently an advisor to the Japanese Parliament for the Fukushima accident, the U.S. Representative to the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, and was a Commissioner of the International Commission on Radiological Protection. He was the Health Effects Team Leader of the International Chernobyl Project and has served as an expert on radiation effects and accidents for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; International Agency on Research on Cancer; International Atomic Energy Agency; U.S. Peace Corps; World Health Organization; and the Costa Rican, Japanese, Panamanian, Peruvian, and Polish governments.

The 2014 Annual Meeting celebrates 50 years since Congress chartered NCRP as the voice for radiation protection in the United States. The theme is NCRP: Achievements of the Past 50 Years and Addressing the Needs of the Future. Dr. Mettler has served and provided leadership direction to NCRP since 1981 and thus is perfectly suited to be the “main event” at the 2014 Annual Meeting. The meeting is open to all and there is no registration fee. Don’t miss it!

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