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Richard Wakeford is the Twenty-First Warren K. Sinclair Keynote Speaker



Dr. Richard Wakeford has been selected to give the 21st Warren K. Sinclair Keynote Address at the 2025 Annual Meeting of the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP). The Address, entitled “Challenges Faced by Studies of Nuclear Industry Workers,” will be a featured presentation at the 61st NCRP Annual Meeting to be held March 24–25, 2025, at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda, Bethesda, Maryland. The Address will be given at 8:30 a.m. on March 24, 2025. The keynote speaker series honors Dr. Warren K. Sinclair, NCRP’s second President (1977 to 1991).

Dr. Wakeford was Professor in Epidemiology in the Centre for Occupational and Environmental Health at The University of Manchester, United Kingdom, where he specialized in radiation epidemiology, until he retired at the end of 2019. He is now Honorary Professor in Epidemiology at The University of Manchester.

Dr. Wakeford was a member of Scientific Committee 1-25 that published NCRP Commentary No. 27 in 2018 entitled *Implications of Recent Epidemiologic Studies for the Linear-Nonthreshold Model and Radiation Protection*.

He graduated with a BSc in Physics, and then received a PhD in High Energy Physics, from the University of Liverpool before joining British Nuclear Fuels Ltd (BNFL) in 1977. He worked for BNFL for nearly 30 y, most of the time advising on the risks to health from exposure to radiation, before taking early retirement in 2006 and joining the academic staff of The University of Manchester. In 1994 he received the Founder’s Prize of the U.K. Society for Radiological Protection for “contributions of distinction to radiological protection.”

Dr. Wakeford has worked on many research projects involving exposure to radiation and has published and lectured extensively in the field of radiation epidemiology and risk assessment. He was Editor-in-Chief of *Journal of Radiological Protection* during 1997 to 2022 and is now an Emeritus Member of the Editorial Board. He is also a member of the Editorial Board of the *British Journal of Cancer*. He has been a member of a number of U.K., European Union and international expert groups, including Committee 1 of the International Commission on Radiological Protection, the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, and the U.K. Committee on Medical Aspects of Radiation in the Environment. Following the 2011 Fukushima nuclear accident, he was a member of the U.K. Government’s Scientific Advice Group for Emergencies and the World Health Organization’s Health Risk Assessment Expert Working Group on the Fukushima accident.

In the 2024 King’s Birthday Honors, Dr. Wakeford was appointed an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for “services to the advancement of the science of radiation protection.”

The theme of the 2025 NCRP Annual Meeting is “The Million Person Study: Current Results and Vision for Radiation Epidemiology and Protection” and is open to everyone with an interest in radiation protection, measurements, health, and science.

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