Colorado State University to House
Dr. Warren K. Sinclair’s Collection

Dr. Sinclair, President of NCRP from 1977 to 1991 is entering his 20th year as President Emeritus. He is a native of New Zealand and an American citizen, and has a Ph.D. in Physics from the University of London.

He served as a medical physicist in New Zealand from 1945 to 1947 and at the Royal Marsden Hospital in London from 1947 to 1954. He was a lecturer at the University of London. He then became Head of the Physics Department at the M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston and Professor of Physics at the University of Texas from 1954 to 1960. He also served on the Graduate Faculty as Professor of Physics and Zoology at the University of Texas in Austin 1959 to 1960.

Dr. Sinclair was Senior Biophysicist at the Argonne National Laboratory from 1960 to 1983, engaged in research involving radiation effects in cultured cells. He served also as Director of the Division of Biological and Medical Research from 1970 to 1974 and as Associate Laboratory Director until 1981. Dr. Sinclair was also Professor of Radiation Biology at the University of Chicago and is now Emeritus Professor of the University.

In addition to his leadership role in NCRP, Dr. Sinclair is a past President of the Radiation Research Society, and of the American Association of Physicists in Medicine which he helped found. Internationally he is an Emeritus Member of the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP), was a member of the U.S. Delegation to the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation (UNSCEAR), of the World Health Organization Expert Advisory Panel on Radiation, and of the Board of the Radiation Effects Research Foundation, Japan. He is a former member of the International Commission on Radiation Units and Measurements (ICRU) and Councilor of the International Association for Radiation Research.

He has given a number of important named lectures including the Failla Lecture of the Radiation Research Society in 1987, the H.M. Parker Lecture of the Battelle Foundation in 1992, and the L.S. Taylor Lecture of NCRP in 1993. He received the Coolidge Award of the AAPM in 1986 and was a National Sigma Xi Lecturer from 1992 to 1994.

Dr. Sinclair’s extensive collection of NCRP and ICRU reports, ICRP annals, UNSCEAR volumes, and other historical documents related to radiation protection and measurements will be housed at Colorado State University. The Colorado State University Health Physics Program is one of only five Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology accredited graduate health physics programs in the United States. The collection will provide essential reference materials to graduate students in the health physics program.

NCRP and CSU gratefully acknowledge Dr. Sinclair’s continuing commitment to the education and training of radiation protection professionals.