

Mikhail Balonov is Selected as the Third Warren K. Sinclair Keynote Speaker

Mikhail Balonov has been selected to give the third Warren K. Sinclair Keynote Address at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP). The address, entitled *Retrospective Analysis of Impacts of the Chernobyl Accident*, will be a featured presentation at the 42nd Annual Meeting of NCRP to be held April 3-4, 2006. The presentation will be given in the Crystal Forum at the Crystal City Marriott, 1999 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia at 8:20 a.m. on April 3, 2006. The keynote speaker series honors Dr. Warren K. Sinclair; NCRP's second President (1977-1991) and President Emeritus (1991-present).

Dr. Balonov is Head of the Radioactive Discharges Unit, Department of Nuclear Safety of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna. He spent 12 y leading the Department of Radioecology at the Institute of Radiation Hygiene in St. Petersburg, Russia. Mikhail Balonov received an MS in nuclear physics from Leningrad Polytechnic Institute, a PhD in biophysics and a DSc in radiobiology and radiation hygiene from the Institute of Biophysics in Moscow.

Dr. Balonov has more than 30 y of experience in the field of radiation protection of humans and the environment. This includes 14 y of unique experience of population and environmental protection after the nuclear accident at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant. He has practical experience and is an expert in setting of radiation safety standards, regulations and criteria for control of public exposure and environmental restoration, in radiation monitoring, modelling and dose assessment, radioecology and dose reconstruction.

Mikhail Balonov has served on committees for the International Commission on Radiological Protection, the International Commission on Radiation Units and Measurements, and has been involved in joint projects with the European Commission in the field of environmental dosimetry, radioecology, remediation, dose reconstruction, risk assessment and computer modelling. Dr. Balonov served as editor of *The Chernobyl Papers* published in 1993, has published over 150 articles, and holds five patents.

The 2006 Annual Meeting of NCRP has as its theme, *Chernobyl at Twenty*. The Sinclair Address and the other sessions of the 2006 Annual Meeting are open to all individuals with an interest in radiation protection and measurements.