

## *Dudley T. Goodhead is Selected as the Fifth Warren K. Sinclair Keynote Speaker*

Dudley T. Goodhead has been selected to give the fifth Warren K. Sinclair Keynote Address at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP). The address, entitled *Issues in Quantifying the Effects of Low-Level Radiation*, will be a featured presentation at the NCRP 44th Annual Meeting to be held April 14 and 15, 2008. The presentation will be given in Salons A–D of the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda, Maryland at 8:15 a.m. on April 14, 2008. The keynote speaker series honors Dr. Warren K. Sinclair; NCRP's second President (1977 to 1991) and President Emeritus (1991 to present).

Professor Goodhead was Director of the Medical Research Council's (MRC) Radiation and Genome Stability Unit at Harwell, United Kingdom, until his retirement in September 2003. The Unit carried out basic research on the relationship of genome stability to human health, including how the DNA may be damaged by radiation and other agents and how the cellular repair systems act to restore normality. He has continued as a visitor at the MRC Unit and assists the European Commission's European Atomic Energy Community research program as well as a number of agencies in the United States and United Kingdom.

He was born and educated in South Africa up to M.Sc. level (Physics, University of Natal) and, thereafter, gained his D.Phil. at the University of Oxford in 1965 in Particle Physics and then went on to academic positions at the University of California (Los Angeles), London (St. Bartholomew's) and Natal, before joining the MRC Radiobiology Unit at Harwell in 1975.

Professor Goodhead has served on a variety of national and international committees on evaluation of radiation risks, including the Committee on Medical Aspects of Radiation in the Environment in the United Kingdom, the National Academy of Sciences' Committee on Health Risks of Exposure to Radon (BEIR-VI) risk assessment in the United States, consultancies to the United Nations Scientific Committee on Effects of Atomic Radiation and the International Atomic Energy Agency, and working groups of the International Agency for Research on Cancer (on carcinogenic risk of gamma rays, neutrons and internally-deposited radionuclides) and the Royal Society (on risks from depleted uranium). He was chairman of the Committee Examining Radiation Risks of Internal Emitters, under the auspices of U.K. government departments, until after it published its final report in October 2004. In June 2002, in the Queen's birthday honors list, Professor Goodhead was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire for services to medical research.

His service to NCRP includes membership on Program Area Committee 1 on Basic Criteria, Epidemiology, Radiobiology, and Risk; and the 2008 Annual Meeting Program Committee.

The 2008 Annual Meeting of NCRP has as its theme, *Low Dose and Low Dose-Rate Radiation Effects and Models*. The Sinclair Address and the other sessions of the 2008 Annual Meeting are open with no registration fee to all individuals with an interest in radiation protection and measurements.