

New Executive Director Hired

The National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP) is pleased to announce that Dr. David A. Smith has been selected to serve as the Council's next Executive Director. Dr. Smith was most recently a Senior Research Scientist at Battelle Memorial Institute, and newly retired from the U.S. Air Force after serving more than 23 years.

Dr. Smith served as Chief of the U.S. Air Force Radioisotope Committee Secretariat and was Health Physics Consultant to two U.S. Air Force Surgeons General. In this capacity he was responsible for the management of the Air Force Master Materials License and developing radiation policy and standards for the use and control of radioactive material and radiation producing devices for the U.S. Air Force. He was the primary liaison with federal agencies including the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the U.S. Department of Energy. Additionally, Dr. Smith provided critical guidance for the Air Force health physics response to the Fukushima Daiichi reactor accident of 2011.



Dr. Smith served as the Director, Graduate Environmental Engineering and Sciences Program, and Director, Graduate Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction Program, while Assistant Professor at the Air Force Institute of Technology. He was the U.S. Department of Defense designee on the White House Task Force on Security of Sources, a member of the Fukushima Daiichi Dosimetry Panel, and a member of the Sub-Interagency Policy Committee Working Group on Improvised Nuclear Device Preparedness and Response.

He received a B.A. in Mathematics from Central Methodist University, an M.S. in Nuclear Engineering (Health Physics) from the University of Missouri-Columbia, and an M.S. in Nuclear Engineering Sciences (Medical Physics) from the University of Florida-Gainesville. Dr. Smith earned his Ph.D. in Environmental Sciences from The Ohio State University where his research was focused on impact analysis from a radiological terrorism event. He is a plenary member of the Health Physics Society.

Dr. Smith has authored or co-authored numerous peer-reviewed publications, presentations, and technical reports, as well as supervised research on topics addressing various aspects of radiological terrorism and occupational and environmental health.

Dr. Smith will replace the current Executive Director, Dr. James R. Cassata, who will be leaving NCRP in August 2014 to accept a position with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.