## **FOREWORD**

With the objective of spreading the Radiation Protection cultural context, and to facilitate its understanding by the public, this book contains a compilation of the main lectures pronounced between May 23 and 28, 2004, with the occasion of the 11<sup>th</sup> International Congress of the International Radiation Protection Association (IRPA11).

This volume contains a summary of the advances in the Radiological Protection field and its main application areas, which undoubtedly will have a direct impact to the most immediate future. When introducing it, I wish to devote an emotive remembrance to the memory of the eminent scientist Dan Beninson, who unfortunately did not live enough to participate in this Congress that he enthusiastically supported since its initial project.

I also wish to express mi deepest and sincere gratitude to all the authors, to Henri Métivier, the genuine promoter of this publication, and to all those who helped me towards the success of this great scientific meeting.

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