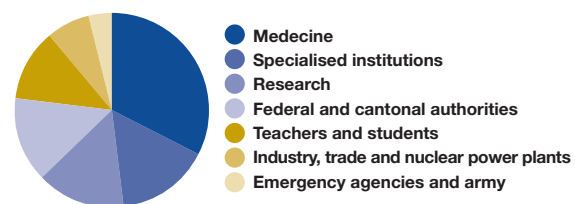




The association

The Romande Radiation Protection Association (ARRAD) was created in 2005 and brings together people in the French-speaking part of Switzerland (the Romandie) who work in radiation protection or are interested in this field.

Distribution of members according to their occupation



The Association is represented in the IRPA (International Radiation Protection Association) through the FS (Fachverband für Strahlenschutz).



ARRAD also works in partnership with the SFRP (French Society for Radiation Protection).



ARRAD

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Join the association

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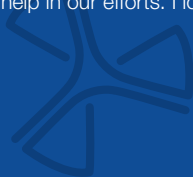
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Radiation protection aims at protecting human beings, their future generations and the environment against the harmful effects of ionizing radiation without excessively limiting the beneficial uses that radiation brings. Radiation protection follows three basic principles: activities using radiation must be justified, protection methods must be optimized and individual doses must be limited. Further, a graduated approach must adapt the regulatory efforts to the risks associated with each application of radiation.

ARRAD neither seeks to promote nor to limit the use of radiation. Our main objective is to protect human beings, and we are not influenced by pressure groups. It is our duty and mission to keep a cool head and calmly continue our efforts to ensure effective protection for individuals through the responsible use of ionizing radiation.

We are definitely on the side of the government authorities making decisions as required by our legislation, our independence allows us to think critically and to state our views appropriately on the issues discussed.

I would encourage everyone in French-speaking Switzerland who is interested in an open and constructive debate on the issues related to the protection of the public and professionals against the effects of radiation to join us and help in our efforts. I look forward to working with you.



Christophe Murith
President



Its goals

- To bring together people involved in radiation protection in French-speaking Switzerland
- To foster exchanges between specialists and non-specialists
- To promote education and culture in radiation protection
- To strengthen international collaboration

ARRAD working groups

The working groups are an important tool for ARRAD. They address the following topics :

- Radiation measuring techniques: development and update of a practical guide for the measurement of radiation
- Communication: public information about radiological risks
- Patient information: information on the benefits and risks of radiological examinations
- Medical exposition and optimization
- Exposure to non-ionizing radiation
- Radiobiology: evaluation of the biological basis for radiation protection and the monitoring of scientific work in progress
- Environmental protection (in preparation)

Its activities

- **Scientific meetings** dedicated to the discussion of radiation protection issues relating to workers, patients, the public and the environment
- An **annual event** on a current topic, such as «Intervention and assistance in radiation protection: experts serve the public» after the Fukushima accident
- **Recommendations focused on the annual event** subject, such as accidents in radiotherapy, radiation protection against radon or radiation safety training
- Publication of a **half-yearly newsletter**, la gazette de l'ARRAD
- Collaboration and promotion of **contacts with government agencies** or recognized radiation protection organizations at national, regional and international level

