

ASSOCIATE SOCIETY PROFILE: PORTUGUESE RADIATION PROTECTION SOCIETY (SPPCR)

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The Portuguese Radiation Protection Society (SPPCR) is a non-profit association under Portuguese law, recognized with the statute of public utility (www.sppcr.pt) and affiliated to IRPA. It was founded in 1993 and has 70 active members, mostly belonging to universities, hospitals and public institutes, as well as professionals from the private sector. The Portuguese Society also comprises the field of non-ionizing radiation. Given that the nuclear industry is essentially non-existent in Portugal, most of our activities are related to radiation protection in medicine and natural radioactivity (radon).

The Portuguese Society regularly publishes a journal, named “Radioproteção”, and also occasionally books. We also organizes meetings, webinars and short courses, and provide advice to the government regarding changes in the national law.



5th Congress of Radiation Protection of the Portuguese Speaking Countries, held in Coimbra, Portugal, 2016. From left to right: José Marcus Godoy (President of SBPR), Luís Neves (President of SPPCR) and Eduardo Gallego (member of the Executive Council of IRPA).

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A strong collaboration has been established over time with the Brazilian Radiation Protection Society (SBPR), which originally came about through a series of international conferences which were jointly organized by the two groups – the Radiation Protection Congresses of the Portuguese Speaking Countries. The first joint meeting was organized in Lisbon in 2009 by the Presidents João Quintela de Brito (SPPCR) and Alfredo Lopes Filho (SBPR), while the 10th meeting took place very recently in Brasil, Rio de Janeiro, in October 2024.

We are happy to observe an increasing participation of other Portuguese speaking countries in these meetings, namely from Angola and Mozambique, and we expect that new Radiation Protection Societies may be established soon in these countries and will in turn become IRPA members.



International Joint Conference Radio 2024 and 10th Congress of Radiation Protection of the Portuguese Speaking Countries, held in Barra da Tijuca, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil, 2024. From left to right: Eduardo Medina Gironzini (FRALC), Luís Neves (President of SPPCR), Alfredo Lopes Filho (Organizing committee, SBPR), Alcides Pereira (SPPCR), Josilto de Aquino (President of SBPR), Denise Levy (organizing committee, SBPR) and Pedro Vaz (SPPCR).

