

Announcements

AMUG 2017, 13–14 November 2017, Las Vegas, Nevada

The 29th annual [workshop of the Air Monitoring Users Group](#) (AMUG) will convene on 13 and 14 November at the Palace Station in Las Vegas, Nevada. The exciting and informative program will include contemporary presentations on airborne radioactivity sampling and monitoring and other material relative to radiation detection and radiation protection. The meeting will also host commercial/technical exhibits. The [Palace Station](#) will provide reasonably priced meeting and sleeping rooms for those attending.

Among the important relevant issues will be discussions about American National Standards Institute (ANSI) N42.54, the newly published comprehensive standard that deals with all of the major issues of airborne radioactivity sampling and monitoring; the continuing review of the Fukushima aftermath; a current look at noble gas, radon/progeny, and tritium monitoring; a renewal of the revision of ANSI 320 for reactor emergency monitoring and other related ANSI standards; and a view of some of the currently available commercial radiation-monitoring systems.

With sufficient interest, there will be a tour of the Nevada National Security Site (formerly Nevada Test Site) on Wednesday, 15 November.

Notes

New Radiochemistry Track at Illinois Institute of Technology

Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) will offer a radiochemistry track in its [master of health physics program](#) beginning in fall 2018 and started accepting applications for the track on 1 October 2017.

The university recently signed a memorandum of understanding with the University of Missouri, Columbia, that will enable radiochemistry-track students to take a one-week radiochemistry laboratory at the Missouri University Research Reactor (MURR). MURR is a 10 megawatt facility and the most powerful nuclear research reactor at a U.S. university. The course at MURR will provide students with hands-on experience in handling, detecting, and analyzing radioactive materials.

Started in 1997, the master of health physics program at IIT is a nonthesis degree program designed for working professionals and people in the military, with most courses available online. Instructors are nationally renowned experts with decades of experience. An advisory board of professionals helps guide the curriculum.

Currently, only a handful of U.S. universities offer radiochemistry as a field of study, and most programs are not designed with online courses for professionals and those serving in the military.

Interested students can apply to [IIT's Graduate Admission Office](#) or call 312-567-3020 or (toll-free in the United States and Canada) 866-GRAD-IIT (866-472-3448).

Adapted from an [IIT press release](#).

Passing of Former IRPA President, John Lakey

Professor John Lakey, PhD, former president of the International Radiation Protection Association (IRPA), died on 12 September 2017. More information can be found on the [IRPA website](#) and the [University of Sheffield website](#).

Every radiation safety professional in the United States should be a Health Physics Society member.