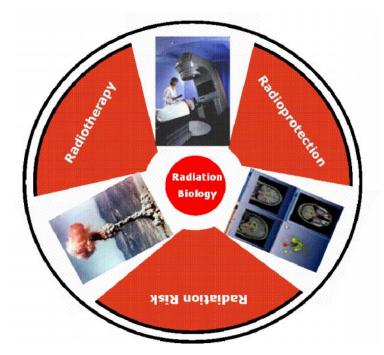


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### 1. Memoir

#### Professor Zbigniew Jaworowski

#### (1927-2011)

Professor Zbigniew Jaworowski, well known to the Polish and international scientific community for his clear and often controversial views on issues of radiation protection and climatology, a medical doctor by training, later devoted to seeking clear answers to the social issues raised by present approaches to the Linear-no-Threshold (LNT) and Global Climate Warming paradigms, died in Warsaw on November 12<sup>th</sup> at the age of 84. His eventful and prolific career included practice as a medical doctor in cancer radiotherapy and toxicology,



Prof. Z. Jaworowski (1927-2011)

expert mountain climbing, combined with glacier studies on the effects of atmospheric atomic bomb testing, international recognition as a radiation health scientist, chairing the United

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public manner in which he presented his views, was admired by his friends and vehemently criticized by his opponents.

Zbigniew Jaworowski was born in Krakow, the medieval capital of Poland, on 17<sup>th</sup> October 1927 and graduated from its Medical Academy in 1952. While still an undergraduate, he became assistant at the Institute of Physiological Chemistry (of Medical Academy), and studied chemical carcinogenesis. In the years 1953-1958 he worked as medical doctor of radiotherapy at the Institute of Oncology in Gliwice. He next moved to the Institute for Nuclear Research at Swierk near Warsaw, to head the Laboratory of Radiotoxicology. Finally, over the years 1970-1987 Professor Jaworowski worked in the Central Laboratory for Radiological Protection (CLOR) in Warsaw, as head of the Department of Radiation Hygiene.

In the years 1987-1988 Professor Jaworowski travelled to Norway to the Biophysical Group of the Institute of Physics, University of Oslo, and over the next two years (1988-1990) he worked at the Norwegian Polar Research Institute in Oslo. His stay in Norway was interrupted by a six-month visiting professorship at the National Institute for Polar Research in Tokyo (1990/1991), followed by work at the Institute for Energy Technology at Kjeller near Oslo (1991-1993). On retirement, he returned to Warsaw and to the Central Laboratory for Radiological Protection, serving for many years as Chairman of its Scientific Council.

His scientific career covered an unusually broad range of topics. In 1963 he received his Ph.D. and in 1967 his D.Sc., both in natural sciences. In 1977 he became Professor, by state nomination. The list of his scientific interests and achievements is diverse and impressive – in his short CV note, we read: "*Professor Zbigniew Jaworowski studied: (1) internal contamination radionuclides in animals and human beings; (2) development of analytical methods for detection of pollutants in the human body and the environment; (3) metabolism of radionuclides; (4) biological effects of ionizing radiation; (5) impact of nuclear war on the population; (6) remedial measures in nuclear emergencies; (7) environmental* 

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radionuclides and heavy metals in man - the first discovery that lead level in human bones was much higher between 11<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century than is now; (10) historical monitoring of radionuclides and heavy metals in the environment; (11) vertical distribution of natural radionuclides, fission products and heavy metals in the troposphere and stratosphere; (12) determination of natural radionuclides, fission products and heavy metals in contemporary and pre-industrial ice from glaciers in both hemispheres, for studying the geographical distribution, temporal changes and flux of natural and man-made pollutants in the global atmosphere; (13) regional and global impact of pollution caused by coal burning; (14) validity of polar ice core records of greenhouse gases for reconstruction of the composition of the ancient atmosphere". Not only was Professor Jaworowski's range of interests extensive, but so was his social activity and publication record, in peer-reviewed journals, including Nature, but also in popular science journals and newspapers. Professor Jaworowski published 196 peer-reviewed papers, 4 books, edited and co-edited 10 scientific documents published by UNSCEAR, IAEA and UNEP, and also wrote about 60 articles printed in Polish newspapers and popular science magazines.

The contribution of Professor Jaworowski to the work of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiations (UNSCEAR) deserves special mention. As Poland was invited to the Committee in 1973, Professor Jaworowski became Representative of Poland to UNSCEAR, until 2009. He was one of the best known and longest-serving members of this Committee, always alert, always extremely well prepared and most knowledgeable on matters the Committee deals with. He was elected vice-Chairman (1978-1979) and next Chairman of UNSCEAR (1980-1982). His pointed and well-focused arguments earned him respect and close friendship with many members of this distinguished Committee.

The Chernobyl Accident in 1986 demonstrated Professor Jaworowski's capacity and competence: he was immediately invited as scientific expert to the Polish Governmental Commission on the Effects of the Chernobyl Accident. On his advice, the Polish Government decided to use stable iodine to protect Polish children against radioiodine from the burning

"The Chernobyl Accident in 1986 demonstrated Professor Jaworowski's capacity and competence..." Soviet nuclear reactor. He carefully followed developments after this event, in the former Soviet Union and also all over the world, publishing many papers on the

consequences of this largest catastrophe of a commercial nuclear power plant. An article which stirred most vivid discussions was his *Radiation Risk and Ethics*, published in *Physics Today*, **52**(9) in 1999. It clearly shows Professor Jaworowski's concern with properly presenting and interpreting scientific evidence, even if such interpretation went against opinions commonly held.

Professor Jaworowski participated in, or chaired, about 20 Advisory Groups of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and of the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP). He was Principal Investigator of three research projects of the US Environmental Protection Agency, and four research projects of the IAEA.

Professor Jaworowski was always interested in environmental issues, devoting his last years to the discussion on global warming. He strongly opposed the anthropogenic cause of this effect, as may be found in his article *Nature, Not Human Activity, Rules the Climate,* in *Summary for Policymakers of the Report of the Nongovernmental International Panel on*  *Climate Change, Edited by S. Fred Singer*, published for the Nongovernmental International Panel on Climate Change by "The Heartland Institute", Chicago, USA, in March 2008.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2011, we lost a first-rate scientist, who always shared his knowledge with the broad society. It is now very difficult for us to accept the loss of a warm, knowledgeable and inspiring colleague and friend, endowed with a great sense of humour and leadership ability, but also a devoted husband to his wife, Professor Zofia Kielan-Jaworowska, an eminent paleozoologist in her own right, and a loving father to his son, Mariusz Jaworowski and his family. His Polish nick-name "Baca"(spelled *batza*), earned in his early mountain-climbing years, means "Sheppard", in Polish highlander dialect.

We will miss you Baca, in Poland and elsewhere around the world.

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### 2. Dr A. R. Gopal-Ayengar- A few reminiscences

### **On 103<sup>rd</sup> Birth Anniversary of Dr A. R. Gopal-Ayengar**

(01.01.1909 - 08.09.1992)

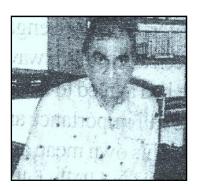
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Dr Gopal-Ayengar known among his friends as 'Gopal' was like a coconut fruit - hard shell with several sheaths of protective strong fibres too difficult to reach the soft and sweet pulp inside. He kept himself mostly isolated from his staff with a set of secretaries arranged on a ladder outside his office and whenever

someone was summoned to meet him, it was mostly considered by others as his/her dooms day. I recollect vividly that on or around 1<sup>st</sup> August 1960, I had walked into his room with an adjoining office of his secretary situated in the Indian Cancer Research Centre building

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Dr A. R. Gopal-Ayengar (1909-1992)

annexed to the main Tata Memorial Hospital at Parel, Mumbai. With a small slip of paper in my hand I told him that I was allotted to work in his Division. He must have been surprised to see a rustic semi-socialite youngster with an

UP ascent. He asked where had I come from, and when I told him that I was from the Physics Batch of the Training School, he looked more than surprised. He said "I have not requisitioned any Trainee for my Division". "But, I have opted for your Division. Sir!." I had responded. As this amused him, I continued "Sir! I am the second merit holder and have the privilege of doing research in any branch of science in Atomic Energy Establishment and I have opted for Biology". His demeanor changed and he asked me to sit down. "What is your background in Biology?" He demanded. "Sir, in my matriculation examination, I had one paper known as General Science which included Biology along with Physics & Chemistry." He was so shocked that he had to readjust his smoking pipe between his lips that was just about to fall. He thundered "With this back ground, you aspire to do research in Biology!" "Yes Sir, I wanted to work in Theoretical Physics but this subject has now been shifted to Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) where I do not intend to work. And if I don't like Biology, I

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have the privilege of my second choice of any other subject within one year." In fact I would be the first physics trainee from the Training School to have joined research in Biological Sciences. It is an interesting coincidence that Dr. Ayengar a biologist, was the very first scientist to have been selected by Dr Homi Bhabha to join India's atomic energy programme which is an arena mostly occupied by Physicists, Chemists and Engineers and if Dr. Bhabha could have taken such an adventurous step why not Dr. Gopal-Ayengar! He softened and accepted my appointment slip and said "Yes, you can join me but I must warn. You are digging your own grave."

Dr Gopal-Ayengar greatly appreciated brilliant and hard working scientists for research purposes and favored mediocrity for administrative responsibilities. This often hindered

"..Dr Ayengar a biologist, was the very first scientist to have been selected by Dr. Homi Bhabha to join India's atomic energy programme which is an arena mostly occupied by Physicists, Chemists and Engineers.." scientific progress. He himself remained in his office till about midnight whenever he was in Mumbai, where he rarely was. It is rumoured that once Dr Bhabha said to him "Gopal, spend some time in India too." His foreign travels were so numerous that when he retired and his office was

cleared, dozens of Air India complimentary bags were to be emptied of his files and papers. He often traveled abroad first class and kept those bags in his office ante-room.

The journals were to be first delivered to him before being placed in the Divisional library. He thoroughly screened those scientific journals as was evident from the pencil markings on the articles he had read. His vast knowledge became in a way a hindrance rather than useful to the scientists in the Division. All manuscripts had to be cleared by him before being sent to Journals and almost every manuscript that entered his office for his comments and approval remained there for months together. This happened to me for my first proposed publication. It was a research paper on the identification of free radicals in irradiated single crystals of nucleic acid bases that was lying in his custody for several months. In the meantime, a similar paper appeared in Journal of Chemical Physics. I just couldn't control my anguish and frustration. I had walked into his office without any prior appointment and showing him the published paper I appraised him how we had lost the credit and how several months of our hard work was wasted. He apologized and there was any delay he would call

me and apologize. But several manuscripts in his office have never been published because the authors did not pursue with vigour and commitment.

As a person he was an up-right bold man. It is believed that when he joined the Indian Atomic Energy programme as a Government Servant he refused to sign the statutory oath of secrecy because he firmly believed that when Atomic Energy is to be used only for peaceful purposes, why the oath of secrecy?

Dr Gopal-Ayengar did not subscribe to any ideology or isms. Once sitting in my house in Vienna long after his retirement I gathered the courage to ask him. "Sir, people believe that I was your most favourite scientist. I never understood why? I don't belong to your community, or to your caste, neither to your province nor I am any way related to you. Then Why?" The old man enigmatically smiled and told a story that I had forgotten long back. It

".. It is believed that when he (Dr Ayengar) joined the Indian Atomic Energy programme as a Government Servant he refused to sign the statutory oath of secrecy because he firmly believed that when Atomic Energy is to be used only for peaceful purposes, why the oath of secrecy?" had happened in late 1960s when I was a young colt. I was summoned to his office description а whereof is appropriate at this stage to comprehend the story fully. It was a huge room. At the northern end, he sat behind a large working table full of files and scientific Journals. In its front and

in continuation there was a very long conference table with chairs all around. At the southern other end was a black board on the wall. On entering the room I found three senior scientists standing who later succeeded him as Directors of the Group. He had asked me to explain in a simple way how free radicals are formed on exposure of biological materials to ionizing radiations; how are they detected and how identified?. I realized that I have to give a lecture for at least 45 minutes. I looked around the room and found that the black board was too far away; though there were many chairs around the conference table each of them was full with heaps of files. The conference table itself was full of office files. His front table was so full of office files and Journals that I could hardly see his face. I pondered over the situation for a while and then pulled the chair nearest to his table, emptied it by shifting the files to the conference table and gave the lecture sitting on the thus emptied chair while the other three scientists kept standing all the while. Telling this story the old man said: "That is when I realized that you were the only one who had bones while the others were just spineless creatures". He too had common human weaknesses but admired people with courage and confidence.

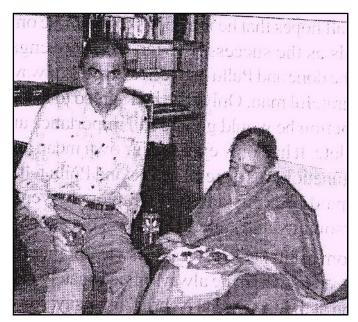
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Dr Gopal-Ayengar was associated with several international scientific organizations and policy making bodies like United Nations Scientific Committee on Effects of Atomic Radiations (UNSCEAR), International Association of Radiation Research (IARR), International Union of Pure and Applied Biophysics (IUPAB), numerous committees of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), International Commission on Radiation Protection (ICRP), World Health Organization (WHO) and others. He was the founder President of Indian Association for Radiation Protection and Founder Chairman of National Committee on Biophysics. Low dose effects of radiations including the controversial stimulatory effects was the subject closest to his heart and he established the Monazite Survey Laboratory in Kerala now known as Low Level Radiation Research Laboratory (LLRL), Kollam. He actively participated also in the researches on the use of radioisotopes in agriculture and medicine including diagnosis of diseases and treatment of cancer. He had a command over English language and his writings,

" The man who once roared like a lion, stood in the 'Q' to catch the bus for travel from BARC to his official residence for which he was charged rent at market rate, which he could ill-afford it. " scientific or otherwise, contained literary flare with a vast vocabulary. When the question of NPT came up before the nation, he wrote the famous passionate article "**To Sign or Not to Sign**". He whole-heartedly supported national programme on

radiation preservation of food materials and was a votary of nuclear power with the strictest regulatory controls on radiation exposure of population.

Dr Gopal-Ayengar never planned to retire and took up an assignment as Advisor to the Director, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) for which he repented. The man who once roared like a lion, stood in the 'Q' to catch the bus for travel from BARC to his official residence for which he was charged rent at market rate, which he could ill-afford it. He was rescued by his close friend Prof. Dr. Hellmut Glubrecht from Germany who offered him a 5-year assignment at the University of Hannover. On his return to India he settled in his own bungalow in Mumbai interacting with only a few friends and admirers. He breathed his last on 8<sup>th</sup> September 1991 after a short illness leaving behind his wife as his only heir whom he affectionately called "Raju". She too lived lonely and died a few years later with only 4 persons accompanying her body on her last journey.



Dr Gopal-Ayengar with his wife

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### **3. FROM ARCHIVES OF RADIATION SCIENCES**

**Paper:** The relation between DNA synthesis and chromosome structure as resolved by X-ray damage

**Source:** The Journal of Cell Biology, Year: 1963, Vol.:18, page:525-540. (http://jcb.rupress.org/content/18/3/525.long)

Authors: HJ Evans and JR Savage

Laboratory: Medical Research Council Radiobiology Research Unit, Harwell, England

#### Highlights of the paper

This paper was aimed to understand radiation induced chromosomal aberrations in synthesized or unduplicated chromosome regions during cell cycle. The paper used *Viola faba* root tip as experimental model, in which cells were treated with tritiated thymidine, either immediately before or after exposure of roots to x-rays. To determine the chromosomal aberrations autoradiography was performed to locate the loci of tritiated thymydine labeling at different development stages. Chromosome types of aberrations were induced only in unreplicated chromosome regions. However, following replication, only chromatic aberrations were induced, but these aberrations are also induced in chromosome regions preparing to incorporate DNA. The yield of aberration in damaged cells which were irradiated in G1, S and early G2 were in the ratio of 1.0:2.0:3.2 suggesting higher radio-sensitivity of early G2 relative to S cells may be a consequence of changes in the spatial distribution of the chromosomes within the nucleus.

#### Significance of the paper

This is one of the seminal papers, where types of chromosome/chromatid radiation damages have been distinguished. It also showed differential response of cells in different stages of cell cycle.

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**Note:** Interested readers may submit similar articles. This column is aimed to highlight the salient points and significance of seminal research articles/events in radiation biology and allied sciences, which further substantially changed the understanding in that particular research field.

# **4. ARTICLE OF THE ISSUE**

### α-Particle Irradiated Zebrafish Embryos Rescued by Bystander Unirradiated Zebrafish Embryos

Radiation induced bystander effect has been manifested in modification of cellular radio-sensitivity. Most of the studies in literature demonstrate the damaging nature of bystander signals. However, due to social behavior of cells in tissue condition 'protective' signals are also expected, which may be helpful rescuing the bystander cells. Present paper published recently in *Environmental Science and Technology (2012) 46, 226–231* demonstrate such rescue signals from zebrafish embryos cells, which were bystander to a-particles irradiated zebrafish embryos sharing the same water medium.

Read the abstract / full article on following link: http://pubs.acs.org/doi/pdf/10.1021/es2016928

### **5. LITERATURE UPDATE**

#### Radiation exposure and cancer risk

- Magnitude of radiation induced DNA damage in peripheral blood leukocytes and its correlation with aggressiveness of thymic lymphoma in Swiss mice http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21913818
- Thyroid cancer after Chernobyl: mechanisms of overestimation http://www.springerlink.com/content/v168h81216616488/

#### Non-ionizing radiation and cancer risk

• Exposure Limits: The underestimation of absorbed cell phone radiation, especially in children

http://informahealthcare.com/stoken/default+domain/ONC1%20Dec %202011/abs/10.3109/15368378.2011.622827

• Risk of childhood acute lymphoblastic leukaemia following parental occupational exposure to extremely low frequency electromagnetic fields

http://www.nature.com/bjc/journal/v105/n9/abs/bjc2011365a.html ?WT.ec\_id=BJC-201110

- Exposure Limits: The underestimation of absorbed cell phone radiation, especially in children http://informahealthcare.com/stoken/default+domain/ONC1%20Dec %202011/abs/10.3109/15368378.2011.622827
  - Metastasis suppressor NM23-H1 promotes repair of UV-induced DNA damage and suppresses UV-induced melanomagenesis http://cancerres.aacrjournals.org/content/early/2011/11/10/0008-5472.CAN-11-1795.abstract?papetoc

#### **Radiation carcinogenesis**

- Effects of phytochemicals on ionization radiation-mediated carcinogenesis and cancer therapy http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22030216
- Sequential mutations in Notch1, Fbxw7, and Tp53 in radiation-induced mouse thymic lymphomas http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22117044

#### **Radiation Biology**

• Effects of Radiation Quality and Oxygen on Clustered DNA Lesions and Cell Death

http://www.bioone.org/doi/abs/10.1667/RR2663.1

- Interaction between ionizing radiation and estrogen: what we are missing? http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21903337
- Gamma-irradiation increased meiotic crossovers in mouse spermatocytes http://mutage.oxfordjournals.org/content/26/6/721.abstract?etoc
- Induction and repair of DNA strand breaks and oxidised bases in somatic and spermatogenic cells from the earthworm Eisenia fetida after exposure to ionising radiation

http://mutage.oxfordjournals.org/content/26/6/783.abstract?etoc

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- Rapid Loss of Bone Mass and Strength in Mice after Abdominal Irradiation http://www.bioone.org/doi/abs/10.1667/RR2505.1
- Modulation of in utero total body irradiation induced newborn mouse growth retardation by maternal manganese superoxide dismutaseplasmid liposome (MnSOD-PL) gene therapy. http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21248791
- Transcriptional Response of *Ex Vivo* Human Skin to Ionizing Radiation: Comparison Between Low- and High-Dose Effects http://www.bioone.org/doi/abs/10.1667/RR2524.1

#### Radiation exposure and non-cancer diseases

- Risk of cancer and non-cancer diseases in the atomic bomb survivors http://rpd.oxfordjournals.org/content/146/1-3/272.abstract?etoc
- Childhood Exposure to Ionizing Radiation to the Head and Risk of Schizophrenia

http://www.bioone.org/doi/abs/10.1667/RR2596.1

 Effect of Low and Chronic Radiation Exposure: A Case-Control Study of Mental Retardation and Cleft Lip/Palate in the Monazite-Bearing Coastal Areas of Southern Kerala http://www.bioone.org/doi/abs/10.1667/RR2699.1

#### High LET Radiation Biology

 Spatial Dynamics of DNA Damage Response Protein Foci along the Ion Trajectory of High-LET Particles http://www.bioone.org/doi/abs/10.1667/RR2592.1

#### **Radiation induced Bystander effect**

 Increased frequency of spontaneous neoplastic transformation in progeny of bystander cells from cultures exposed to densely ionizing radiation

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21738697

• Exposure to low level chronic radiation leads to adaptation to a subsequent acute X-ray dose and communication of modified acute X-

ray induced bystander signals in medaka (Japanese rice fish, Oryzias latipes).

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21939425

 Reactive oxygen species-induced release of signalling factors in irradiated cells triggers membrane signalling and calcium influx in bystander cells.

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21294691

 Communicating non-targeted effects of ionizing radiation to achieve adaptive homeostasis in tissues. http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21143182

• Effects of very low fluences of high-energy protons or iron ions on irradiated and bystander cells.

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21988573

- Involvement of bystander effect in suppression of the cytokine production induced by heavy-ion broad beams. http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22040060
- Neutrons do not produce a bystander effect in zebrafish irradiated in vivo.

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21756060

 Role of connexin43 and ATP in long-range bystander radiation damage and oncogenesis in vivo http://www.nature.com/onc/journal/v30/n45/abs/onc2011176a.htm

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- Effects of Very Low Fluences of High-Energy Protons or Iron Ions on Irradiated and Bystander Cells http://www.bioone.org/doi/abs/10.1667/RR2674.1
- a-Particle Irradiated Zebrafish Embryos Rescued by Bystander Unirradiated Zebrafish Embryos.

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22103474

 Intrachromosomal changes and genomic instability in site-specific microbeam-irradiated and bystander human-hamster hybrid cells. http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22077336

#### **Radiation Protection**

- Current issues in radiation protection in medicine http://rpd.oxfordjournals.org/content/147/1-2/1.extract
- Radioprotection by the histone deacetylase inhibitor phenylbutyrate http://www.springerlink.com/content/9lh76602888j13l3/
- Sesamol as a Potential Radioprotective Agent: In Vitro Studies http://www.bioone.org/doi/abs/10.1667/RR2661.1
- Mitigation of Lung Injury after Accidental Exposure to Radiation http://www.bioone.org/doi/abs/10.1667/RR2562.1

#### Accidental radiation exposure

 Uncoupling p53 Functions in Radiation-Induced Intestinal Damage via PUMA and p21

http://mcr.aacrjournals.org/content/9/5/616.abstract?etoc

- Effect of Radiation on Age at Menopause among Atomic Bomb Survivors http://www.bioone.org/doi/abs/10.1667/RR2676.1
- The Association of Inbreeding with Lung Fibrosis Incidence in Beagle Dogs That Inhaled <sup>238</sup>PuO<sub>2</sub> or <sup>239</sup>PuO<sub>2</sub> http://www.bioone.org/doi/abs/10.1667/RR2686.1

#### **Radiation and Evolution**

 Multiple routes to mammalian diversity http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v479/n7373/full/nature1051
 6.html

#### **Carcinogenesis**

 MiR-21 plays an important role in radiation induced carcinogenesis in BALB/c mice by directly targeting the tumor suppressor gene Big-h3. http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21494432

#### **Cancer Biology and Therapy**

- Caspase 3-mediated stimulation of tumor cell repopulation during cancer radiotherapy http://www.nature.com/nm/journal/v17/n7/full/nm.2385.html?WT.e c\_id=NM-201107
- Tumourigenicity and radiation resistance of mesenchymal stem cells http://informahealthcare.com/stoken/default+domain/ONC1%20Dec %202011/abs/10.3109/0284186X.2011.636752
- Polyphenol-rich sweet potato greens extract inhibits proliferation and induces apoptosis in prostate cancer cells in vitro and in vivo http://carcin.oxfordjournals.org/content/32/12/1872.abstract?etoc
- Inhibition of DNA-Dependent Protein Kinase Induces Accelerated Senescence in Irradiated Human Cancer Cells http://mcr.aacrjournals.org/content/early/2011/11/22/1541-7786.MCR-11-0312.abstract?papetoc
- Telomere Targeting with a New G4 Ligand Enhances Radiation-Induced Killing of Human Glioblastoma Cells http://mct.aacrjournals.org/content/10/10/1784.abstract?etoc
- NF-κB Is Required for Smac Mimetic-Mediated Sensitization of Glioblastoma Cells for γ-Irradiation–Induced Apoptosis http://mct.aacrjournals.org/content/10/10/1867.abstract?etoc
- Resveratrol Inhibits Proliferation and Survival of Epstein Barr Virus– Infected Burkitt's Lymphoma Cells Depending on Viral Latency Program http://mcr.aacrjournals.org/content/9/10/1346.abstract?etoc
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- Evolution of Tumor Invasiveness: The Adaptive Tumor **Microenvironment Landscape Model** http://cancerres.aacrjournals.org/content/71/20/6327.abstract?etoc
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http://www.liebertonline.com/doi/abs/10.1089/ars.2011.4078

Tumourigenicity and radiation resistance of mesenchymal stem cells http://informahealthcare.com/stoken/default+domain/ONC1%20Dec %202011/abs/10.3109/0284186X.2011.636752

#### Cancer Radiotherapy

Radiotherapy: Repopulating tumor cells-dying for caspase 3 •

http://www.nature.com/nrclinonc/journal/v8/n9/full/nrclinonc.2011. 112.html?WT.ec\_id=NRCLINONC-201109

#### **Cancer: Prognosis and Diagnosis**

Fatty acid binding proteins (FABPs) in prostate, bladder and kidney cancer cell lines and the use of IL-FABP as survival predictor in patients with renal cell carcinoma http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2407/11/302/abstract

(Open access)

Classifying human brain tumors by lipid imaging with mass spectrometry

http://cancerres.aacrjournals.org/content/early/2011/12/09/0008-5472.CAN-11-2465.abstract?papetoc

#### Technological advancement/note

- Current progress of the biological single-ion microbeam at FUDAN http://www.springerlink.com/content/l310840p37045486/
- A framework to select clinically relevant cancer cell lines for investigation by establishing their molecular similarity with primary human cancers

http://cancerres.aacrjournals.org/content/early/2011/10/18/0008-5472.CAN-11-2427.abstract?papetoc

• The effects on DNA migration of altering parameters in the comet assay protocol such as agarose density, electrophoresis conditions and durations of the enzyme or the alkaline treatments

http://mutage.oxfordjournals.org/content/26/6/689.abstract?etoc

• In vitro primary human lymphocyte flow cytometry based micronucleus assay: simultaneous assessment of cell proliferation, apoptosis and MN frequency

http://mutage.oxfordjournals.org/content/26/6/763.abstract?etoc

• Multiplex serum biomarker assessments: technical and biostatistical issues

http://www.translational-medicine.com/content/9/1/173

# 6. NEWS

# Nuclear Technology & Safety

#### Fukushima Accident and Radiation Safety

• Creation path of <sup>35</sup>S from Fukushima not so obvious

http://www.pnas.org/content/108/51/E1388.extract?etoc

• The Disaster at Japan's Fukushima-Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant after the March 11, 2011 Earthquake and Tsunami, and the Resulting Spread of Radioisotope Contamination1

http://www.bioone.org/doi/abs/10.1667/RR2830.1

• Commentary on the Combined Disaster in Japan

http://www.bioone.org/doi/abs/10.1667/RRXX40.1

#### **Radiation Safety**

- Dynamic model for tritium transfer in an aquatic food chain http://www.springerlink.com/content/w655750262qw02q0/
- A quality control programme for medical X-ray films in India

http://rpd.oxfordjournals.org/content/148/1/51.abstract?etoc

• Depth dependent study of radon, thoron and their progeny in tubewells

http://www.springerlink.com/content/j568p8687hr8x245/

• Mutagenicity of diagnostic and therapeutical doses of radiopharmaceutical iodine-131 in Wistar rats

http://www.springerlink.com/content/x270380u554q5801/

• Chromosome aberrations in peripheral blood lymphocytes of individuals living in high background radiation areas of Ramsar, Iran

http://www.springerlink.com/content/m607136574lh7755/

• Biokinetics of <sup>90</sup>Sr after chronic ingestion in a juvenile and adult mouse model

http://www.springerlink.com/content/p2t11w02w4744611/

• Mortality from Cardiovascular Diseases in the Semipalatinsk Historical Cohort, 1960–1999, and its Relationship to Radiation Exposure

http://www.bioone.org/doi/abs/10.1667/RR2211.1

• Associations of Ionizing Radiation and Breast Cancer-Related Serum Hormone and Growth Factor Levels in Cancer-Free Female A-Bomb Survivors

http://www.bioone.org/doi/abs/10.1667/RR2631.1

• Examining the importance of the particle size effect in inhalation dose assessment for short-term radiological events

http://rpd.oxfordjournals.org/content/147/3/439.abstract?etoc

 Radiation protection for accompanying person and radiation workers in PET/CT

http://rpd.oxfordjournals.org/content/147/4/528.abstract?etoc

• Radiation dose to members of public residing around uranium mining complex, Jaduguda, Jharkhand, India

http://rpd.oxfordjournals.org/content/147/4/565.abstract?etoc

### Science and Society

#### Indian Science and Technology

- Developing world: Educating India http://www.nature.com/news/2011/110405/full/472024a.html?WT.e c\_id=NATURE-20110407
- Radiation dose to members of public residing around uranium mining complex, Jaduguda, Jharkhand, India http://rpd.oxfordjournals.org/content/147/4/565.abstract?etoc
- Cell biology in India: The future needs an international perspective http://www.nature.com/ncb/journal/v13/n12/full/ncb2391.html?WT .ec\_id=NCB-201112

#### Science in General

- The roles of herbal remedies in survival and quality of life among longterm breast cancer survivors - results of a prospective study http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2407/11/222/abstract
- Observed increase in local cooling effect of deforestation at higher latitudes

http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v479/n7373/full/nature1058 8.html?WT.ec\_id=NATURE-20111017

- Secrets of the human genome disclosed http://www.nature.com/news/2011/111005/full/478017a.html?WT.e c\_id=NATURE-20111006
- Focus on Cell cycle and DNA damage http://www.nature.com/ncb/journal/v13/n10/full/ncb2357a.html?W T.ec\_id=NCB-201110
- Multiple routes to mammalian diversity http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v479/n7373/full/nature1051
   6.html
- How the risk of liver cancer changes after alcohol cessation: A review and meta-analysis of the current literature
   http://www.biomedcontrol.com/1471-2407/11/446/abstract

http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2407/11/446/abstract

- Why do our patients get chemotherapy until the end of life? http://annonc.oxfordjournals.org/content/22/11/2345.extract?etoc
- Today's lifestyles, tomorrow's cancers: trends in lifestyle risk factors for cancer in low- and middle-income countries http://annonc.oxfordjournals.org/content/22/11/2349.abstract?etoc
- Urinary Levels of Cigarette Smoke Constituent Metabolites Are Prospectively Associated with Lung Cancer Development in Smokers http://cancerres.aacrjournals.org/content/early/2011/10/22/0008-5472.CAN-11-0209.abstract?papetoc

## 7. VIEWS

• Childhood leukaemia near nuclear sites: fourteenth report of the Committee on Medical Aspects of Radiation in the Environment (COMARE)

http://rpd.oxfordjournals.org/content/147/3/351.extract?etoc

- Finding a Panacea Among Combination Cancer Therapies http://cancerres.aacrjournals.org/content/early/2011/11/02/0008-5472.CAN-11-3091.abstract?papetoc
- Exposure Limits: The underestimation of absorbed cell phone radiation, especially in children

http://informahealthcare.com/stoken/default+domain/ONC1%20Dec %202011/abs/10.3109/15368378.2011.622827

- Estimation of risk for the general public contaminated with radioiodine in nuclear accidents from the viewpoint of nuclear medicine physicians http://rpd.oxfordjournals.org/content/147/4/489.extract?etoc
- Second cancers following Hodgkin's lymphoma: radiation therapy once more

http://annonc.oxfordjournals.org/content/22/12/2539.extract?etoc

Better value cancer care for the 21st century
 http://annonc.oxfordjournals.org/content/22/12/2541.extract?etoc

# **8. ARTICLE SERIES/REVIEWS**

- Targeting hypoxia in cancer therapy http://www.nature.com/nrc/journal/v11/n6/abs/nrc3064.html?lang =en?WT.ec\_id=NRC-201106
- Molecular imaging of tumor metabolism and apoptosis http://www.nature.com/onc/journal/v30/n40/abs/onc2011169a.htm l?WT.ec\_id=ONC-201110
- RAS oncogenes: weaving a tumorigenic web http://www.nature.com/nrc/journal/v11/n11/abs/nrc3106.html?lan g=en?WT.ec\_id=NRC-201111
- Targeting protein prenylation for cancer therapy http://www.nature.com/nrc/journal/v11/n11/abs/nrc3151.html?lan g=en?WT.ec\_id=NRC-201111
- The role of miRNA in the direct and indirect effects of ionizing radiation http://www.springerlink.com/content/h5vn056463366116/
- Clinical radioimmunotherapy—the role of radiobiology http://www.nature.com/nrclinonc/journal/v8/n12/abs/nrclinonc.201 1.160.html?lang=en?WT.ec\_id=NRCLINONC-201112
- Treating metastatic cancer with nanotechnology http://www.nature.com/nrc/journal/v12/n1/abs/nrc3180.html?lang =en?WT.ec\_id=NRC-201201
- The Fraction of Cancer Attributable to Lifestyle and Environmental Factors in the UK in 2010 http://www.nature.com/bjc/journal/v105/n2s/index.html#

## 9. RECENT BOOKS

• Units of measurement past, present and future. International system of units

http://rpd.oxfordjournals.org/content/145/4/426.extract?etoc

- High Frequency electromagnetic dosimetry
   http://rpd.oxfordjournals.org/content/147/3/483.extract?etoc
- Optically stimulated luminescence: fundamentals and applications http://rpd.oxfordjournals.org/content/147/4/619.extract?etoc
- Clinical fundamentals for radiation oncologists http://www.nature.com/bjc/journal/v105/n11/full/bjc2011454a.htm l?WT.ec\_id=BJC-201111

# **10. LETTER(S) FROM THE READERS**

• Thank you very much for giving nice Diwali Gift as eNewsletter ISRB. The letter covers very important components concerned with radiation biology. It is very useful for research and training purposes.

I wish you a very happy Diwali to Editors and all members of eNewsletter who takes wholeheart efforts for making beautiful issues. **-Dr P M Dongre,** Head, Department of Biophysics, University of Mumbai, Mumbai

• The eNewsletter is highly informative and carrying all useful contents. -**Prof. P. K. Goyal,** President- ISRB, Dept. of Zoology, Univ. of Rajasthan, Jaipur

### **11. UPCOMING CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP OF ISRB**

### International Conference on Cancer Prevention, Diagnosis & Treatment, Jaipur

January 21-22, 2012

#### **Contact Person:**

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http://www.isrbindia.com/upcoming-events-of-the-society/

### International Conference on Emerging Frontiers & Challenges in Radiation Biology, Department of Zoology, Government Dungar College, Bikaner (Rajasthan)

January 24-25, 2012

**Contact Person:** Dr. Rajendra Kumar Purohit, Radiation Biology Laboratory, Department of Zoology, Government Dungar College, Bikaner (Rajasthan); Email: dr\_rajendra\_purohit@yahoo.co.in or visit to our web page: http://www.isrbindia.com/upcoming-events-of-the-society/

International Conference on Radiation Biology: (ICRB- 2012) and 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial Meeting of Indian Society for Radiation Biology Theme: Cosmic Radiation to Cancer Therapeutics Advanced Centre for Training, Research and Education on Cancer (ACTREC), Navi Mumbai, Mumbai, India

November 22-24, 2012

Contact details: Dr. Nagraj G. Huilgol, Chief Radiation Oncologist Department of Radiation Oncology, Dr. Balabhai Nanavati Hospital, S.V.Road, Vile Parle (W), Mumbai - 400 056. Tel : +91 22 26182255 Extn 618/692 : 261883352 (dir) Cell : +91 9820450969 Fax : +91 22 26119363 Email : nagrajhuilgol@gmail.com

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# **13. AWARDS/HONORS TO ISRB MEMBERS**

Name of the ISRB Member	Affiliation	Award/Honors	Year/ Period
Dr. N. Rajendra Prasad	Dept. of Biochemistry and Biotechnology, Annamalai University Annamalainagar-608 002	Young Investigator Meeting (YIM- 2012) Travel Award, Lonavala, India organized by www.indiabioscience.org Welcome Trust-DBR Alliance Jan 8-12, 2012	Jan. 2012

**Congratulations** to the Life Members of Indian Society for Radiation Biology for prestigious Awards and Honors!!

#### May God bless you many more in future!!

## **14. RECENT PUBLICATIONS/PATENTS OF ISRB MEMBERS**

Author/Affiliation	Title	Citation	Koyworda
			Key words
B.N. Pandey*, A. Kumar, M. Ali and <u>K.P. Mishra</u> Radiation Biology and Health Sciences Division, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai *Email: bnp@barc.gov.in, badrinarain@yahoo.co.in	Bystander Effect of Conditioned Medium from Low and High Doses of γ-Irradiated Human Leukemic Cells on Normal Lymphocytes and Cancer Cells	Journal of Environmental Pathology, Toxicology and Oncology, 2011, 30(4):333-340	Radiation induced bystander effect, apoptosis, reactive oxygen species, mitochondrial membrane potential, low and high dose, diffusible factors, lymphocytes and cancer cells
<u>B. Venkata Reddy, N.</u> <u>Rajendra Prasad</u> Department of Biochemistry & Biotechnology Annamalai University Annamalainagar - 608 002. Email: drprasadnr@gmail.com	2-deoxy-D- glucose combined with ferulic acid enhances radiation response in non- small cell lung carcinoma cells	Cent. Eur. J. Biol. 2011, 6(5), 743- 755	Reactive Oxygen Species, H2-DCFDA, Mitochondrial membrane potential, Apoptosis, DNA damage
Farheen N. Sayed <sup>a</sup> , V. Grover <sup>a</sup> , V. Sudarsan <sup>a</sup> , B.N. Pandey <sup>b</sup> , A. Asthana <sup>c</sup> , R.K. Vatsa <sup>a</sup> , A.K. Tyagi <sup>a</sup> ,* <sup>a</sup> Chemistry Division, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai 400 085, India <sup>b</sup> Radiation Biology and Health Sciences Division, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai 400 085, India <sup>c</sup> Michigan Technological University, Houghton, MI 49931, USA *Email: aktyagi@barc.gov.in	Multicolored and white-light phosphors based on doped GdF3 nanoparticles and their potential bio- applications	Journal of Colloid and Interface Science 367 (2012) 161–170	Nanofluoride Luminescence Phosphors Gadolinium fluoride
G. Kanimozhi, N. Rajendra Prasad, S. Ramachandran, K. V. Pugalendi Department of Biochemistry & Biotechnology Annamalai University Annamalainagar - 608 002. Email: drprasadnr@gmail.com	Umbelliferone modulates gamma-radiation induced reactive oxygen species generation and subsequent oxidative damage in human blood lymphocytes	European Journal of Pharmacology 672 (2011) 20-29	Umbelliferone Radiation Reactive oxygen species DNA damage Mitochondrial membrane potential
N. Krishnakumar, N. Sulfikkaralia <u>, N. Rajendra</u> <u>Prasad</u> , S. Karthikeyan Department of Biochemistry & Biotechnology Annamalai University Annamalainagar - 608 002.	Enhanced anticancer activity of naringenin- loaded nanoparticles in human	Biomedicine & Preventive Nutrition, 2011, 1, 223–231	Naringenin, Nanoparticles, Anticancer effect, HeLa cells

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Email: drprasadnr@gmail.com	cervical (HeLa) cancer cells		
R. Nagalekshmi <sup>a</sup> , Aditya Menon <sup>b</sup> , Dhanya K. Chandrasekharan <sup>b</sup> , <u>Cherupally Krishnan</u> <u>Krishnan Nair</u> <sup>c</sup> , <sup>a</sup> Amrita School of Pharmacy, Kochi 682041, Kerala, India <sup>b</sup> Amala Cancer Research Centre, Thrissur 680555, Kerala, India <sup>c</sup> Pushpagiri Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre, Thiruvalla 689101, Kerala, India Email: ckknair@yahoo.com	Hepatoprotective activity of Andrographis Paniculata and Swertia Chirayita	Food and Chemical Toxicology 2011 49, 3367–3373	Andrographis paniculata Swertia chirayita Paracetamol Liver marker enzymes Hepatoprotection
S. Karthikeyan, <u>G.</u> <u>Kanimozhi</u> , <u>N. Rajendra</u> <u>Prasad</u> Department of Biochemistry & Biotechnology Annamalai University Annamalainagar - 608 002. Email: drprasadnr@gmail.com	Radiosensitizing effect of ferulic acid on human cervical carcinoma cells in vitro	Toxicology in Vitro 25 (2011) 1366– 1375	Ferulic acid, Radiation, Cervical cancer Radiosensitization, ROS

# **15. CAREER FORUM**

# Grants and Awards

- Looking for Grants, Funds, Fellowships related to Radiation Research, visit the Radiation Research Web page or following link http://www.radres.org/ECOMradres/timssnet/common/tnt\_JobsFundinga ndFellowships.cfm
- Pre- and Post Doctoral Fellowships from NIH http://grants.nih.gov/training/extramural.htm
- AACR-Gertrude B. Elion Cancer Research Award http://www.aacr.org/default.aspx?p=3859
- AACR Career Development Awards

http://www.aacr.org/default.aspx?p=3858

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- Science Foundation Ireland, (SFI)
   The national foundation for excellence in scientific research is investing in academic researchers and research teams who are most likely to generate new knowledge, leading edge technologies, and competitive enterprises.
  - www.sfi.ie
- Pancreatic cancer research centre funding over 2 million dollars Please view individual grant mechanisms for eligibility and deadlines. Grants provide funding for outstanding pancreatic cancer research .
  - http://www.aacr.org/home/scientists/research-funding--fellowships.aspx
- AACR, Research Funding & Fellowships
   http://www.aacr.org/home/scientists/research-funding--fellowships.aspx

### Article related to career issues

- Education: The PhD factory http://www.nature.com/news/2011/110420/full/472276a.html?WT.ec\_id= NATURE-20110421
- Education: Rethinking PhDs http://www.nature.com/news/2011/110420/full/472280a.html?WT.ec\_id= NATURE-20110421
- Seven ages of the PhD http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v472/n7343/full/472283a.html?W T.ec\_id=NATURE-20110421
- Developing world: Educating India http://www.nature.com/news/2011/110405/full/472024a.html?WT.ec\_id= NATURE-20110407
- Postdoctoral training: Time for change http://www.nature.com/ncb/journal/v13/n7/full/ncb0711-735a.html?WT.ec\_id=NCB-201107

# **Important Web Sites**

• AACR Research Fellowships

http://www.aacr.org/default.aspx?p=3860

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• **GrantsNet** is resource to find funds for training in the sciences and undergraduate science education. Through the support of HHMI and AAAS, this service is completely free.

http://www.grantsnet.org/start.cfm?session\_id=844615

• **Naturejobs** the career magazine from Nature with the hottest science jobs and details of career related issues.

http://www.nature.com/naturejobs/index.html

- Post Doc Jobs, a site providing opportunities about Post Doc Jobs. It is a platform to bring students, Professionals and Research Institutes together. http://www.postdocjobs.com/
- **Science's Next Wave** is a weekly online publication that covers scientific training, career development, and the science job market. *Next Wave* is published by *SCIENCE* magazine and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

http://nextwave.sciencemag.org/?CFID=789744&CFTOKEN=78870222

 The National Academy of Sciences offers Research Associateship Awards to doctoral level scientists and engineers (US and foreign nationals). For more information go to http://sites.nationalacademies.org/pga/RAP/index.htm

• Science careers

http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/tools\_tips/outreach/relationships\_bo oklet

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# **16. USEFUL LINKS**

#### Radiation Research Podcast

You can listen, the telephone interviews to author(s) of selected paper published each month from the latest issue of international scientific journal *Radiation Research*, official journal of the Radiation Research Society. In addition, you can also listen, the interviews by eminent scientists in radiation research about the current topics.

#### http://lsmr1.lbl.gov:8080/xwiki/bin/view/Radiation+Research+Society/

Or Look for Journal Podcast under category 'Journal' and then 'Journal Podcast' on following web page

http://www.radres.org/podcast/

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#### Or Look for 'Radiation Research Podcast' in Google Search

• Radiation Research Society SIT Discussion Board

Another site, which may attract you to get information related to Scientific Meetings, vacancies and discussion in Radiation Sciences.

http://www.radres.org/ECOMradres/timssnet/phpBB2/index.php

- Science's Next Wave is a weekly online publication that covers scientific training, career development, and the science job market. Next Wave is published by SCIENCE magazine and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. http://nextwave.sciencemag.org/?CFID=789744&CFTOKEN=78870222
- Link to related other Professional / Academic Societies related to Radiation Biology and Oncology http://www.radres.org/ECOMradres/timssnet/common/tnt\_RelatedSocieti

es.cfm

Nuclear India

 A publication by Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India about nuclear
 energy and various other related issues

 http://www.dae.gov.in/ni/nimain.htm

### **17. IMPORTANT JOURNALS**

- Annals of Oncology http://annonc.oxfordjournals.org/
- Acta Oncologia http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/title~content=g779470932~db=all
- BMC Cancer (Open Access Journal) http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmccancer/
- Cancer Discovery
   http://cancerdiscovery.aacrjournals.org/
- Cancer Epidemiology Biomarkers & Prevention
   http://cebp.aacrjournals.org/
- Cancer Prevention Research
   http://cancerpreventionresearch.aacrjournals.org/
- Cancer Research
   http://cancerres.aacrjournals.org/
- Cell Death & Disease (Open Access Journal)

http://www.nature.com/cddis/index.html

- Cell Growth and Differentiation
   http://cgd.aacrjournals.org/
- Clinical Cancer Research
   http://clincancerres.aacrjournals.org/
- Clinica Chimica Acta http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/journaldescription.cws\_home/506018/d escription#description
- DNA and Cell Biology http://www.liebertpub.com/products/product.aspx?pid=13
- Free Radical Biology and Medicine http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/journaldescription.cws\_home/525469/d escription#description
- Free Radical Research http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/authors/gfrrauth.asp
- Genome Integrity
   www.genomeintegrity.com
- Human Gene Therapy http://www.liebertpub.com/products/product.aspx?pid=19
- Indian Journal of Radiation Research
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   Editor: Dr. H. D. Sarma Email: hdsarma1162@yahoo.com
- International Journal of Radiation Biology http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/title~content=t713697337
- International Journal of Radiation Oncology, Biology and Physics http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/journaldescription.cws\_home/525471/d escription#description
- Iranian Journal of Radiation Research http://www.ijrr.com/
- Japanese Journal of Clinical Oncology
   http://www.oxfordjournals.org/our\_journals/jjco/about.html
- Journal of Cancer Research and Therapeutics http://www.cancerjournal.net/

- Journal of Experimental and Clinical Cancer Research http://www.jeccr.com/
- Journal of Radiation Research http://www.journalarchive.jst.go.jp/english/jnltop\_en.php?cdjournal=jrr19 60
- Molecular Cancer Research
   http://mcr.aacrjournals.org/
- Molecular Cancer Therapeutics
   http://mct.aacrjournals.org/
- Radiation Measurements http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/journaldescription.cws\_home/286/desc ription#description
- Radiation Oncology
   http://www.ro-journal.com/
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## **18. NEW LIFE MEMBERS OF ISRB**

### Warm welcome to New Life Members of ISRB

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			Interest/Expertise
1.	Ms. Amritha M.	Dept. of Biophysics, Mumbai	Radiation Biophysics,
	Joshi <i>(ISRB/J-15/206)</i>	University, Kalina, MUMBAI 400098, INDIA	Radiation protection
2.	Prof. P. M. Dongre	Prof. and Head, Dept. of Biophysics,	Radiation Biophysics,
	(ISRB/D-10/013)	Mumbai University, Kalina, MUMBAI 400 098, <b>INDIA</b>	Radiation protection
3.	Shri Damodar K. M Gowda <i>(ISRB/G-20/039)</i>	Department of Physiology, K.G. Hegde Medical Academy, Deralakatte, MANGALORE-18, <b>INDIA</b>	Radiation Biology
4.	Shri Shrikant L. Patil (ISRB/P-10/208)	Department of Physiology, K.G. Hegde Medical Academy, Deralakatte, MANGALORE-18, <b>INDIA</b>	Radiation Biology
5.	Ms. K. B. Kalpana (ISRB/K-13/280)	Department of Biochemistry and Biotechnology, Annamalai University, ANNAMALAI NAGAR, 608 002, Tamil Nadu, <b>INDIA</b>	Radiation Biology
6.	Prof. Shyam Kishore Srivastava (ISRB/S-59/233)	Prof. and Head, Department of Radiation Oncology, TMH, Parel, MUMBAI 400 012, <b>INDIA</b>	Radiation oncology
7.	Dr Umesh Mahantshetty (ISRB/M-13/207)	Department of Radiation Oncology, Tata Memorial Hospital, Dr Ernest Borges Street, Parel, MUMBAI – 400012, <b>INDIA</b>	Radiation oncology

# **19. NOTICE BOARD**

### Update your email and contact address

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# Are you/your colleague/friend working in Radiation Research or related field and still not a Member of Indian Society for Radiation Biology? Join ISRB.

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### • Awards / Honors to ISRB Members

Editorial Board '**Radiation Science Today'** is pleased to launch a column "**AWARDS/HONORS to ISRB Members**" in the eNewsletter. We hope the column would make us more aware with each other about our awards/ scientific achievements.

**This column is only for Members of Indian Society for Radiation Biology.** If you are Member of ISRB and received any award or scientific honor, you are requested to send details of same in following format on email address: isrb\_enewsletter@yahoo.co.in, with subject line: Awards/Honors.

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Name and Present Address of ISRB Member	Affiliation (if any)	Name of Award/Honor	Year/Period

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Dear Members of ISRB,

It is our pleasure to mention that in last two years, '**Radiation Science Today**' the eNewsletter published by Indian Society for Radiation Biology, has made a significant contribution to link the Members of Society working in various research fields of radiation biology and allied sciences. To further strengthen the interaction amongst Members of ISRB, we have initiated a new Column '**Recent Publications of ISRB Members' beginning** from issue of eNewsletter i.e. **Jan-March**, **2010 Issue 9**.

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