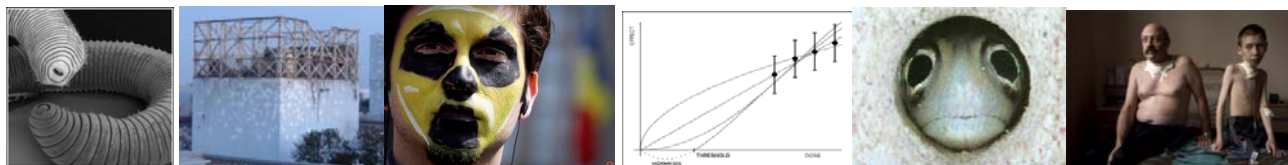


KJM360: Assessing Risk to Humans and the Environment

6-16th June 2017, NMBU, Norway

Organised by the Centre for Environmental Radioactivity (CERAD), Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU) and Stockholm University, supported by IUR and CONCERT



Course Aims and Overview

The aim of the course is to give students a grounding in the theory and skills needed to carry out environmental risk assessment for humans and non-human organisms. This will include hands-on training in some of the risk assessment tools and models. In addition to learning the basic theory and strengths of risk assessment and management, students are given insights into the assumptions, uncertainties and limitations of the tools and models. The central theme is environmental risk assessment, hence the main focus is the exposure of humans to radionuclides in the environment, as well as the exposure of non-human biota to ionising radiation. The course does not cover worker or medical exposures, although these themes are touched upon when the tools used are similar (e.g., radiation dose calculations and epidemiology). The course concentrates on the approaches used in radiation risk assessment and management, but it also covers the assessment of other chemicals and stressors. This provides nuclear science and radiation protection students with important insights into similarities and differences in risk assessment and management of ionising radiation as compared to other stressors. Topics covered include risk assessment approaches, international regulation and policy, risk communication and perception, and social and ethical aspects of risk management. It is open to students of environmental science, ecology and nature management, as well as those from nuclear sciences. Professionals may also attend all or parts of the course, for example to obtain certification in assessment tool training.

Teachers: Prof Deborah Oughton (CERAD/UMB), Prof Per Strand (CERAD/NRPA), Prof Andrzej Wojcik and Dr Clare Bradshaw (Stockholm University); Prof Larry Kapustka, (Canada), Prof Lawrence Barnthouse (USA), Prof Richard Wakeford (Manchester University), Prof Brain Wynne (Univ Lancaster)

ECTS accreditation: Bologna Accredited 10 ECTS

Accommodation: Available on a first-come-first-served basis, and ranges from rooms in student residence halls to shared apartments and hotels. A limited number of accommodation support grants are available.

Extracurricular activities: Cultural activities, including a Midsummer Barbeque will be organised

Application Deadline 30th April 2017

Further information and application for the course: deborah.oughton@nmbu.no
www.radioecology-exchange.org/ <http://www.concert-h2020.eu/en/Events>

Detailed course contents and modelling/assessment tool activities:

The course is mainly lecture based, with two days dedicated to hands-on training in the ERICA risk assessment tool.

Day 1: Tuesday 6th June

Morning: Introduction to Human, Environmental and Ecological Risk Assessment (Deborah Oughton, NMBU)

Afternoon: Ecological Risk Assessment: Chemicals and Radionuclides (Deborah Oughton, NMBU)

Day 2: Wednesday 7th June

Morning/Afternoon: Assessing risks from ionising radiation: General Introduction to Radiological Protection (Per Strand NRPA)

ERICA TOOL MODULE

Day 3 and 4: Thursday 8th and Friday 9th June

Assessing Risks to Non-human biota: ERICA Assessment tool introduction and training sessions (Justin Brown, NRPA and Boris Facilia, Sweden)

Day 7-8: Monday 12th June and Tuesday 13th June

Morning/Afternoon: Ecosystem Approach and Ecological Risk Assessment and Management (Larry Kapustka, Canada, Lawrence W. Barnthouse, USA, and Clare Bradshaw, SU)

Day 9: Wednesday 14th June

Morning: Assessing the impacts of radiation on humans (Per Strand NRPA)

Afternoon: Assessing human radiation risk following high dose exposures (Andrzej Wojcik, SU)

Day 10: Thursday 15th June

Morning/Afternoon: Human Risk Assessment - Epidemiology (Richard Wakeford, Univ Manchester)

Day 11: Friday 16th June

Morning: Social and Ethical Aspects of Risk Assessment and Management – Including Case studies from Chernobyl and Fukushima (Deborah Oughton, NMBU)

Afternoon: Risk, Uncertainty, Communication and Public Attitudes: STS studies (Prof Brian Wynne, University of Lancaster/CERAD)

The ECTS exam is a course assignment to carry out a risk assessment on either human or environmental case (10 ECTS). This can be the choice of the student or an assignment provided by the course tutors. Students are expected to spend one week on research for the risk assessment assignment, and will be given tutoring (distance) by the course teachers during this time.

Course Organisers: Prof Deborah Oughton and Prof Per Strand (CERAD), Prof Andrzej Wojcik and Dr Clare Bradshaw (SU).