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Welcome to ARMUG 2006

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Main topics for today

- Monitor performance
- Shrouded sampling probe
- Advice on air-monitoring regimes
- Update on positron in gas standard

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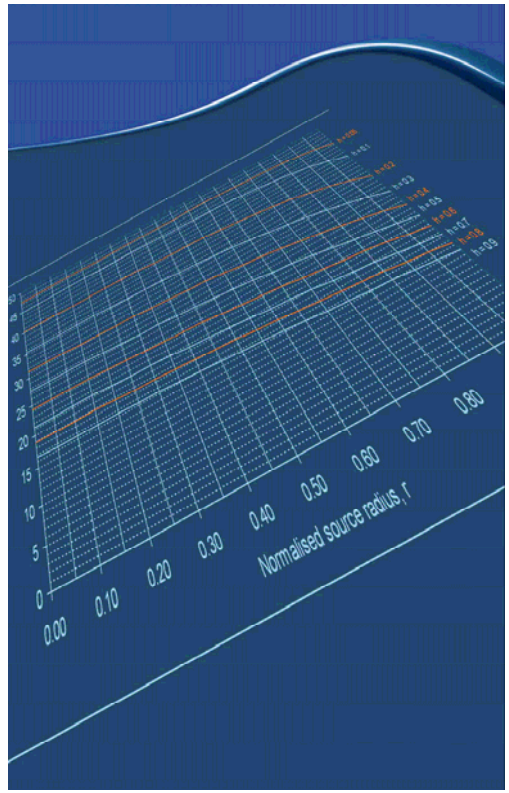
New GPG

- **Measurement Good Practice Guide No. 82 has been published on ‘The Examination and Testing of Equipment for Monitoring Airborne Radioactive Particulate in the Workplace’**

- Thank you to Max Pottinger, David Ryden, Julian Dean and Andrea Woodman, and everyone who contributed to the new GPG



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Housekeeping

- The fire alarm is a voice alarm system. In the event of an alarm, the assembly point is the lawn opposite the main entrance.
- Lunch will be served downstairs at 12:15
- The meeting should end around 14:15. Tea/coffee available if you would like to stay on.
- Please switch off mobile phones

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Minutes

- Any corrections / comments on minutes of the previous meeting?

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Actions arising

- 5.1: Adsorption factors: No feedback, but David Ryden has volunteered to write some guidance.
- 5.2: Shrouded probes: Jeff Rivers (lab Impex) has kindly agreed to give a presentation.
- 5.3 Questionnaire. Action stands.
- 5.4 Discussion groups on uncertainties. Action stands
- 5.5 FAQ section on website. WG met in July, final version being compiled and will go out for comment.

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Actions arising

- 5.6 Next GPG – Tritium. Enough funding to start preparing this document. Chair – Trevor Birkett.

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How to influence the 2007-2010 R&D programme at NPL

Mission

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Theme 1

Photon dosimetry

Charged particle dosimetry (electrons, protons)

Theme 2

Radioactivity content (from H-3 to Cf-252) in bulk materials, surfaces and gas

Theme 3

Neutron fluence and dose standards

+ very high energy dosimetry (cosmic radiation)

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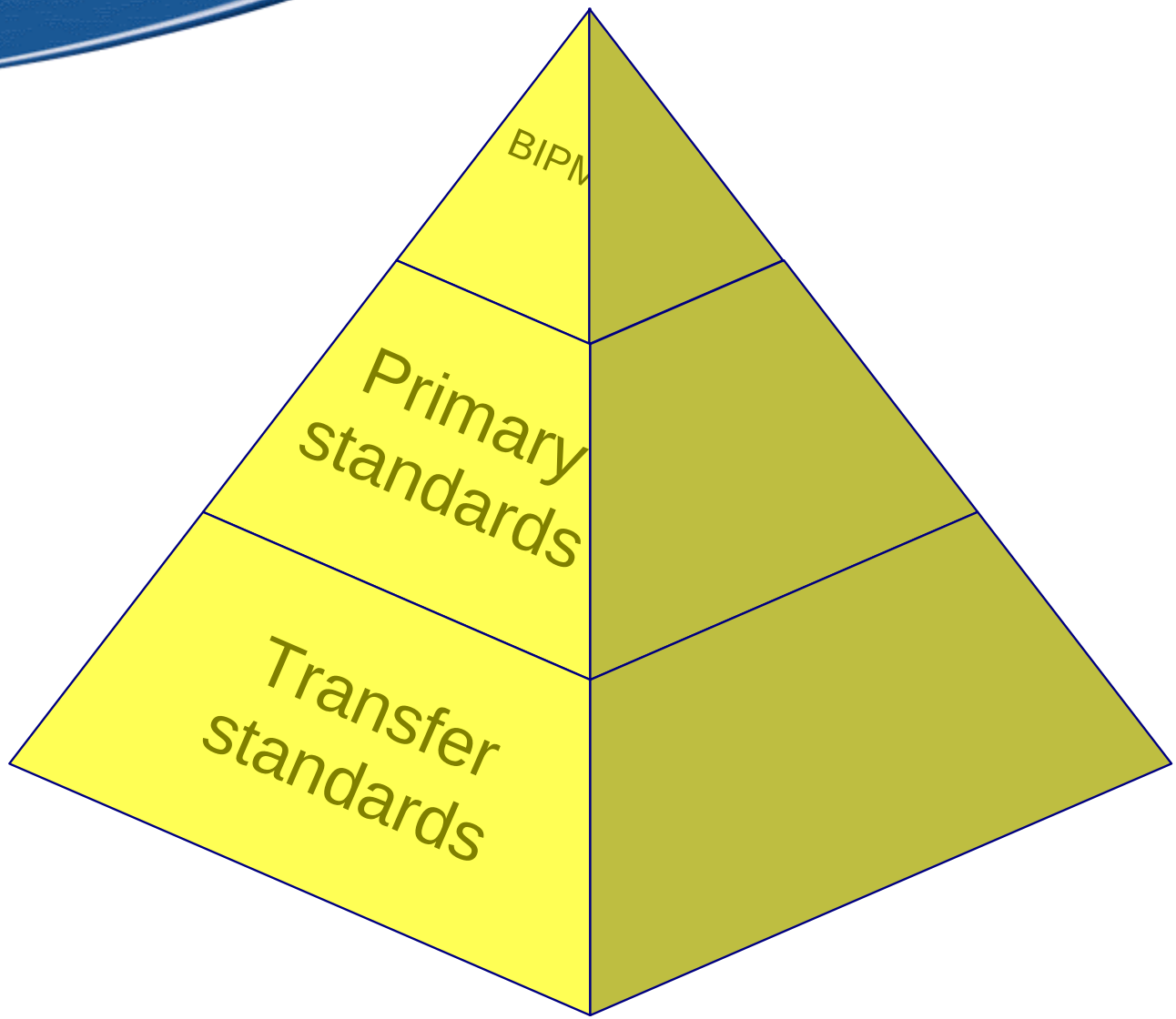
Outcomes


Better characterised instruments
Better characterised workplace
Wider adoption of best practice
Improved staff training
Improved accuracy of dosimetry
Improved radiation protection
Improved selection of instruments
Improved ‘ knowledge base’
Compliance with IRRs
Avoidance of unnecessary costs
Improved confidence in results

Common features of the 3 themes



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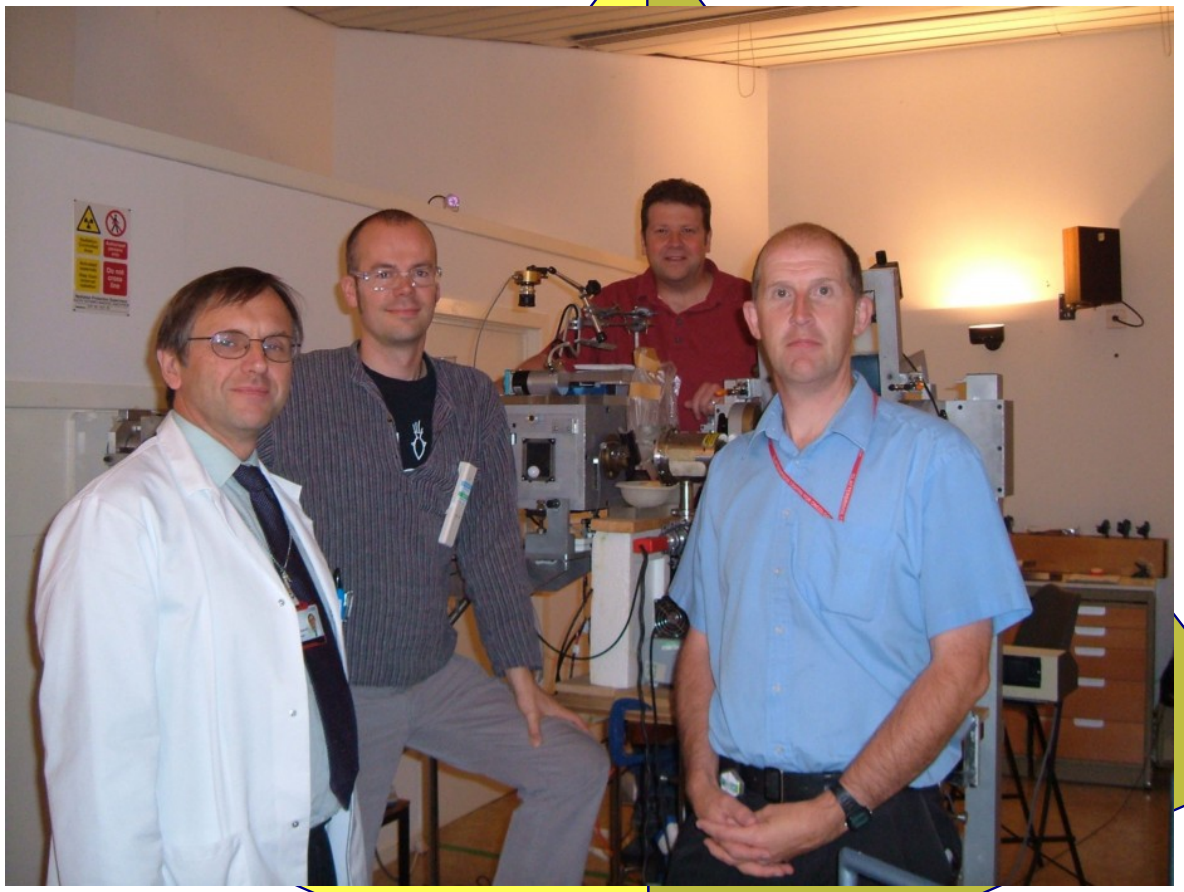

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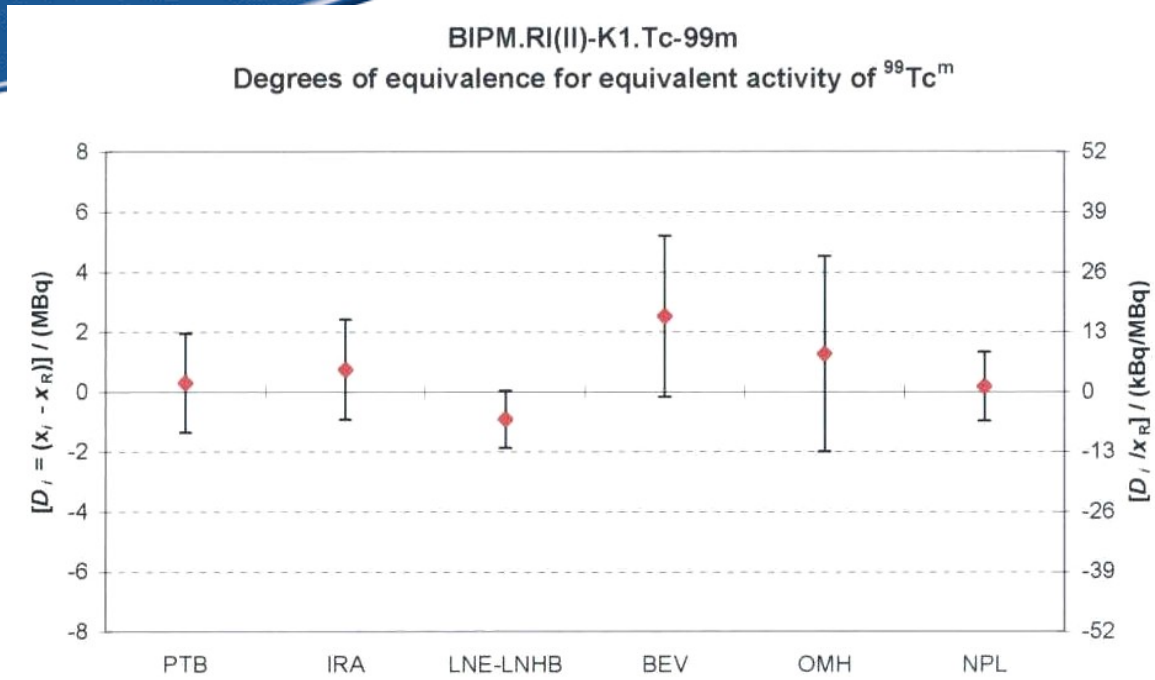

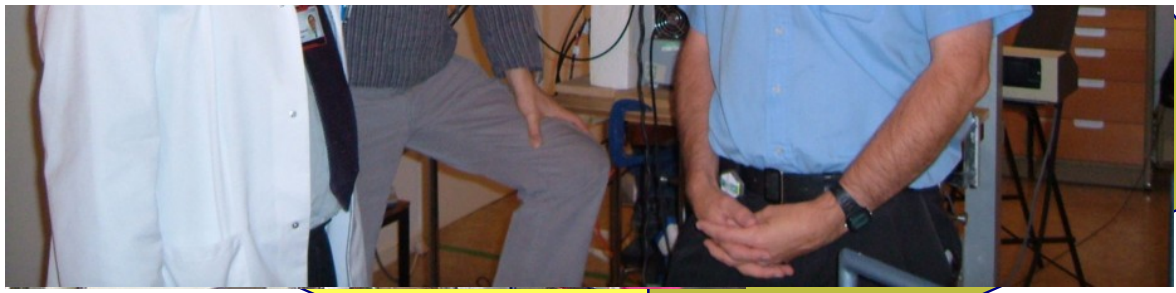

Knowledge transfer

- Measurement services
- Calibration services
- User Forums
- Proficiency testing exercises
- Good Practice Guides
- Training
- Research papers
- Committee memberships
- Audits
- Visits
- Newsletters

Timetable

- *May* — *Orientation meeting with MAC WG*
- **Jun – Oct** — **Consultation to identify needs**
- Nov – Jan — Develop project proposals – 150%

- Jan/Feb — MAC WG select 125% for public consultation
- **Feb/Mar – Apr/May** — **Public consultation**
- Jun/Jul — Decision conference to agree final content

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DTI Requirements

- Develop plans for 3+3 years
  - First 3 years in detail and a further 3 years in outline
  - Then rolling formulation, adding a year each year
- Link to
  - DTI Technology Strategy
  - OGD/research council priorities
- Focus on greater innovation & impact

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Technology Changes

- What technology changes are affecting your area of interest?
- What technology changes might you anticipate over the next 7 years?
- How will these impact your measurement needs?
- How will they impact what NPL should do to help meet those needs?

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How can you help?

- Request to be kept in touch
- Talk to NPL staff
- Suggest NPL visit you or you visit NPL

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