

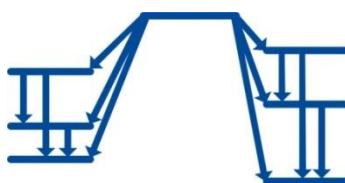


## **FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS**

### **23<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Radionuclide Metrology and its Applications (ICRM 2021)**

**31 May – 4 June, 2021, Bucharest, Romania**

**Organized by:**



**The International Committee for Radionuclide Metrology (ICRM),**



**Institutul Național de Cercetare-Dezvoltare pentru Fizică și Inginerie Nucleară  
“Horia Hulubei” (IFIN-HH), Bucharest-Măgurele, Romania**

#### **Conference Description**

The International Committee for Radionuclide Metrology (ICRM) is pleased to announce that its next conference will be organized by Institutul Național de Cercetare-Dezvoltare pentru Fizică și Inginerie Nucleară “Horia Hulubei” (IFIN-HH), Bucharest-Măgurele, Romania, during the period May 31 – June 4, 2021.

The main purpose of the conference is to enhance the international collaboration in the field of radionuclide metrology by presenting new developments and applications and facilitating the exchange of scientific information between the participants.

The most recent biennial ICRM conference was held at Salamanca (Spain) in 2019 and was organized by the International Committee for Radionuclide Metrology (ICRM) and the Laboratorio de Radiaciones Ionizantes – Datación from Universidad de Salamanca.

The conference will include oral and poster presentations and business meetings of the ICRM and its working groups in several application areas of radionuclide metrology.

### **Radionuclide Metrology at IFIN-HH**

IFIN-HH is one of the most important research institutes in Romania, [www.nipne.ro](http://www.nipne.ro). It originates from the Physics Institute of the Romanian Academy, founded by Prof. Horia Hulubei, in 1949 (the Institute of Atomic Physics (IFA), since 1956). The institute is dedicated to the research and development in physical and natural sciences, mainly Nuclear Physics and Nuclear Engineering, and in related areas including Astrophysics and Particle Physics, Field Theory, Mathematical and Computational Physics, Atomic Physics and Physics of Condensed Matter, Life and Environmental Physics.

The Radionuclide Metrology Laboratory (RML) at IFIN-HH, Romania, was established with Dr. Leon Enric Grigorescu (1932-2020) as its first head, in 1966. He was the Head of the laboratory for many years, with a number of remarkable achievements. After his retirement in 2003, Dr. Maria Sahagia took over as Head of the laboratory (until 2017) and had very important contributions to the development of the laboratory. In 2017, Dr. Aurelian Luca became the laboratory head. The traditional radionuclide metrology research performed at RML led to original and important contributions that have been recognized by the ICRM community (absolute methods for the activity standardization of radionuclides, source preparation, nuclear decay data evaluation, gamma-ray spectrometry). Now, there are also new scientific applications under development, based on Monte Carlo simulation methods, X-ray spectrometry, alpha-particle spectrometry and metrology for radon monitoring ( $^{222}\text{Rn}$ ).

The International Research Center Extreme Light Infrastructure – Nuclear Physics (ELI-NP), [www.eli-np.ro](http://www.eli-np.ro), is the most important research infrastructure in Romania. This project, implemented by IFIN-HH, is co-financed by the European Commission and the Romanian Government from Structural Funds via the European Regional Development Fund.

### **Conference Topics**

- Aspects of international metrology
- Intercomparisons

- Measurement standards and reference materials
- Radionuclide metrology techniques
- Alpha-particle and beta-particle spectrometry
- Gamma-ray spectrometry
- Liquid scintillation counting techniques
- Nuclear decay data
- Low-level measurement techniques
- Radionuclide metrology in life sciences
- Source preparation techniques
- Quality assurance and uncertainty evaluation in radioactivity measurements

Additional activities during the conference will be the General Meeting of the ICRM members, visits to IFIN-HH/ELI-NP and social events.

### **Conference Language**

The official language of the conference is English. All the abstracts and presentations (oral, poster) must be in English.

### **Call for papers**

Scientific papers on the topics listed above are welcome. Authors wishing to submit a paper for the conference should send an Abstract to the Scientific Secretariat, using the online form to be available soon on the web page of the conference, <http://icrm2021.nipne.ro>, until January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

The abstracts should be sufficiently detailed, containing relevant scientific information about the originality and importance of the results obtained by the authors. Notification of acceptance will be sent to the authors by the end of February, 2021.

### **Proceedings**

It is intended to publish the proceedings of the conference in a journal indexed in the Journal Citation Reports (Clarivate Analytics). The manuscripts, written exclusively in English, will be submitted after the end of the conference and will comply with the guidelines of the journal, which will be sent to the authors, together with the information on the acceptance of the work to be presented at the conference.

The acceptance of a work for presentation at the conference, does not imply its publication in the proceedings. Only a selection of the manuscripts will be published in the journal, after a strict peer-review procedure.

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## **Conference Venue**

The conference venue will be in the city of Bucharest, Romania. The exact location is not yet confirmed by the time of issue of this First Announcement. More information will be announced on the web page of the conference.

## **Accommodation**

A list of hotels and other lodging possibilities situated close to the conference location (preferably within walking distance), recommended by the local organizers, will be provided before the end of 2020. Low cost accommodation (rooms for 30-40 euros/night), offered by IFIN-HH, in Magurele (10 km from downtown Bucharest), is available, too.

## **Social Events**

For the conference participants and accompanying persons, several social activities will be proposed: welcome reception, conference dinner, visits at IFIN-HH/ELI-NP. Depending on the Covid-19 pandemic situation at the time of the conference in Bucharest, other touristic activities might be proposed: visits in Bucharest and week-end trips in a few beautiful regions of Romania, such as the Danube Delta.

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## **Registration Fees (preliminary estimation):**

500 EUR (early registration); 570 EUR (normal registration).

The exact fees and the payment methods will be announced on the conference web page in January 2021.

## **Important Dates**

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| October 31, 2020    | Deadline for pre-registration by e-mail            |
| January 15, 2021    | Deadline for online abstracts submission           |
| March 1, 2021       | Acceptance notification to authors                 |
| March 15, 2021      | Second Announcement                                |
| March 31, 2021      | Deadline for Early Registration                    |
| May 31-June 3, 2021 | Conference, ICRM Working Groups                    |
| June 4, 2021        | General Meeting of the ICRM                        |
| July 31, 2021       | Deadline for manuscript submission (first version) |

**Further information, including updates or changes to the conference schedule caused by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, will be included in the Second Announcement and posted to the Conference website: <http://icrm2021.nipne.ro>**