



## Annual Report from the Chair

Despite increasing staff shortages this has been a year of sustained growth for SARPS. Our much anticipated web site is finally on line. It can be found at <http://www.sarps.org.za/sarps/>. We strongly encourage visitors! Ultimately it is the contributions from you the members that will determine the success of the site. Our vision is that the web site will become a resource for radiation protection related questions, as well as keeping you informed about the society.

Also running smoothly is our list server. If you are a member of SARPS, have an email address, and are not receiving email from the list server (radprotsa) then please contact the secretary or myself.

IRPA is, as always, very active. They are currently developing an IRPA code of ethics. This is important, as this document will determine any code that the society might draw up. Locally we are preparing to host the All Africa IRPA Regional Conference next year during 5-8 May 2003 at Misty Hills in Mulders Drift under the banner of SARPCOB. This promises to be a high profile event covering all aspects of radiation protection from medicine to industry. Also don't forget the 2004 IRPA International conference in Madrid, Spain.

We have produced an informational brochure this year about the society which is available from myself or the secretary.

The major event on our calendar is the upcoming Winter School on Radiation Protection in the Health Industry. Many thanks to Frikkie and his team for the huge amounts of organisation that have gone into it. I have no doubt that the Winter School and Congress will be very successful.

Lastly, my deepest appreciation to the Executive Committee for their hard work this year. Thank you. I hope to see you all at the congress this year.

Regards  
Alan Chamberlain  
Chair: SARPS