Date: 21-22 June (Wednesday – Thursday), 2006
Place: Radiation Effects Research Foundation, Hiroshima Laboratory

**List of Participants**

**Directors**
*Dr. Toshiteru Okubo*, Chairman  
*Dr. Roy E. Shore*, Vice Chairman and Chief of Research  
*Mr. Takanobu Teramoto*, Permanent Director  
*Mr. Masaaki Kuniyasu*, Former Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Portugal  
*Dr. Yasuhito Sasaki*, Vice President, International University of Health and Welfare  
*Dr. Senjun Taira*, Permanent Director, Japanese Association of Quarantine Inspection Hygiene  
*Dr. Paul L. Ziemer*, Professor Emeritus, Purdue University  
*Dr. James D. Cox*, Professor and Head, Division of Radiation Oncology, University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center  
*Dr. John E. Burris*, President, Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin

**Supervisors**
*Dr. Tomio Hirohata*, Professor Emeritus, Department of Public Health, Faculty of Medicine, Kyushu University  
*Mr. David Williams*, Senior Financial Advisor, National Academy of Sciences

**Scientific Councilor**
*Dr. Ohtsura Niwa*, Professor, Radiation Biology Center, Kyoto University

**Representatives of Supporting Agencies**
*Mr. Katsunori Hoshi*, Chief, Relief Budget Unit, General Affairs Division, Health Service Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare  
*Dr. Joseph F. Weiss*, Japan Program Manager, Office of Health Studies, U.S. Department of Energy  
*Mr. Yuriy R. Fedkiw*, Science and Technology Officer, Embassy of the United States of America (acting Minister-Counselor for Joyce Rabens)  
*Dr. Kevin D. Crowley*, Director, Board on Nuclear and Radiation Studies, Division on Earth and Life Studies, National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences  
*Dr. Evan B. Douple*, Scholar, Board on Nuclear and Radiation Studies, Division on Earth and Life Studies, National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences

**RERF**
*Mr. Eiji Akimoto*, Chief of Secretariat  
*Dr. Thomas M. Seed*, Associate Chief of Research  
*Dr. Kazunori Kodama*, Chief Scientist, concurrently assigned as Chief, Department of Epidemiology  
*Dr. Nori Nakamura*, Chief Scientist, concurrently assigned as Chief, Department of Genetics  
*Mr. Douglas C. Solvie*, Associate Chief of Secretariat
1st Day (June 21)

I. 1. Opening speech and introduction of participants
2. Approval of Minutes of the 40th Meeting of the Board of Directors

II. Items for Information
1. Status report of RERF (attachment)
   - Directors: 4
   - Chief of Secretariat: 1
   - Hiroshima Research scientists: 39.6
   - General staff: 160
   - Total: 199.6
   - Nagasaki Research scientists: 6
   - General staff: 48
   - Total: 54
   - Total: 45.6
   - 208
   - 253.6

3. Health effects study of the children of A-bomb survivors (as of March 31, 2006)
   - Mail survey subjects: 24,673 persons
   - Subjects willing to participate: 13,570 persons
   - Actual participants in clinical study: About 11,100 persons

4. International collaboration (FY2005)
   - Participation in international collaborative activities by RERF directors and staff members: A total of 20 people
     - Participation in Chernobyl-, Semipalatinsk-, WHO-, UNSCEAR-, and overseas A-bomb survivors-related activities
     - Acceptance of visitors from overseas for briefing and training: A total of 132 people
     - Acceptance of visitors related to HICARE, NASHIM, JICA and others

5. Public relations activities
   - The Public Relations and Publications Office was established in January 2006.

6. External grants (estimate for FY2005)
   - Actual amount of funding: Total ¥136,209,000
     - (including ¥18,000,000 for NCI contract and ¥371,000 for DOE contract)

7. FY2005 salary revision
   - Salaries have been revised based on the recommendations of the National Personnel Authority for FY2005.

8. Labor Union FY2006 negotiations
   - Explanations were made regarding the Labor Union’s demands and the Secretariat’s responses.
III. Items for Discussion

1. Research scientist recruitment
   A new system of hiring research scientists with fixed terms of appointment has been initiated. In April 2006, three fixed-term research scientists were newly employed (Departments of Clinical Studies, Radiobiology/Molecular Epidemiology, and Epidemiology).

2. Future research plans
   To provide relevant information to the new Blue Ribbon Panel to be established during 2006, future plans with a focus on the next 30 years were discussed.

3. Archive materials
   Current and future problems with the storage and maintenance of various materials, including registry information and biological samples obtained from cohort studies, and publications and databases involving study designs and results were discussed.

2nd Day (June 22)

IV. Items for Deliberation and Action

1. Recommendations of the 33rd meeting of the Scientific Council
   Representing the RERF Scientific Council, Dr. Niwa, a scientific councilor, reported on the recommendations of the 33rd meeting of the Council.

2. Responses to the recommendations of the 33rd meeting of the Scientific Council
   Dr. Shore, Vice Chairman and Chief of Research, explained RERF’s responses to the recommendations of the Scientific Council.

3. FY2005 research activities report and audit
   Dr. Shore reported on departmental research activities for FY2005, and then Dr. Hirohata, RERF supervisor, made a research audit report.

4. FY2006 research activities plans
   Dr. Shore made a summary report on departmental plans for research activities for FY2006.

5. FY2005 settlement of accounts and audit
   Mr. Akimoto, Chief of Secretariat, reported on the settlement of accounts based on the “Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements,” “Balance Sheet,” “List of Property” and other documents. Mr. Williams, supervisor, made an audit report.

6. FY2006 working budget
   Amount of settled accounts for FY2005: ¥4,191,681,000
   Amount of working budget for FY2006: ¥4,171,922,000

7. FY2007 provisional budget plan
   Total amount of the provisional budget for FY2007: ¥3,618,688,000
8. Revision of rules and regulations
   With the establishment of the Public Relations and Publications Office in the
   Secretariat, the Regulations and Supplementary Regulations Concerning
   Organization of the Secretariat were revised. Also revised were the Rules of
   Employment (in relation to congratulatory and sympathetic offerings), Regulations
   Governing Salaries of Directors and Chief of Secretariat, Employee Wage
   Regulations, and Regulations for Prevention of Radiation Hazards. Newly
   established were the Regulations Concerning Proposals from Employees,
   Regulations for Protection of Personal Information, and Regulations for Handling
   of RERF Intellectual Property.

9. Election/appointment of directors and others
   As successors to the two scientific councilors Dr. Shinkan Tokudome and Dr.
   Clarice Ring Weinberg, whose terms of office expire as of June 30 this year, Dr.
   Takashi Yanagawa (professor at the Biostatistics Center, Kurume University) and
   Dr. David G. Hoel (distinguished university professor at the Department of
   Biometry and Epidemiology, Medical University of South Carolina) were appointed.

10. Schedule of next board meeting
    It was decided that the next meeting would be held in Nagasaki June 20-22, 2007.

V. Other Items
1. Other
Status Report of RERF – Summary of Chairman’s Report
(July 2005 – June 2006)

Presented on June 21, 2006
Toshiteru Okubo

1. Introduction

Research activities

Despite the special events relating to the 60th anniversary of the atomic bombings and the 30th anniversary of the establishment of RERF, the foundation's scientific programs have generally proceeded smoothly. In its annual meeting in March, the Scientific Council gave RERF “high marks” overall for the quality of its research and its achievements. The health effects study of the children of A-bomb survivors has reached its final year, and reviews necessary for conduct of the study took place.

30th anniversary of RERF

The ceremonies and lectures commemorating the 30th anniversary of the 1975 reorganization of ABCC into RERF were held in Hiroshima on November 8 and in Nagasaki on November 11.

Recruitment of U.S. scientists

Over the last two years, we have lost three U.S. scientists. A new chief of the Statistics Department will be joining RERF this summer, and a recruitment effort is ongoing for a statistician and an epidemiologist.

Key visitors

During the last year, we had several key visitors, including U.S. Ambassador John Thomas Schieffer, Health, Labour and Welfare Minister Hidehisa Otsuji, U.S. Consul General Daniel R. Russel for Osaka-Kobe, as well as Dr. Hiroo Inokuchi from the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, who was awarded an Order of Cultural Merit and appointed as honorary citizen of Hiroshima City and Hiroshima Prefecture. Mr. Robert E. Henshaw, son of the late Dr. Paul Henshaw, a founding member of ABCC, visited Hiroshima to offer on August 6 one thousand paper cranes sent by his friends in N.Y. to the A-bombed Children’s Statue in Hiroshima’s Peace Memorial Park. He also visited Hiroshima RERF to donate photographs taken by his deceased father at the time of establishment of ABCC, valuable slides and other materials.

2. Change of permanent directors

There has been a change of all permanent directors, with Dr. Toshiteru Okubo and Mr. Takanobu Teramoto inaugurated to the permanent director positions in July last year, and Dr. Roy Shore inaugurated in January this year.
3. Five-year agreement between the U.S. and Japan

Regular Japan-U.S. negotiations on the management of RERF, which take place every five years, were held on November 7 in Tokyo. The current agreement supported establishment of a new senior panel, which is expected to make recommendations relating to the foundation’s future direction, sometime during 2006.

4. Maintenance and repair of buildings

Since the fiscal year before last, repair of roofs and window frames has been conducted for each of the buildings. Last fiscal year, repair work was conducted for Buildings B and D. We plan to conduct repair work for all of the rest of the buildings during this fiscal year.

5. Relationship with the local community and related organizations

Local Liaison Council meetings

Local Liaison Council meetings were held in Hiroshima (October 12) and Nagasaki (October 5).

Liaison meeting of radiation effects research organizations

Aiming at developing cooperative relationships among Japan’s radiation effects research organizations, representatives from RERF, Hiroshima University, Nagasaki University, and the National Institute of Radiological Sciences met for preliminary discussions at the International Conference Center Hiroshima on November 16. As a result, it was decided to hold a meeting once a year under rotating sponsorship among the participating bodies, with the aim of exchanging information and seeking closer research cooperation.

Forum for Institutes Engaged in A-bomb Survivors’ Medical Care

On May 24 this year, the first meeting of the Forum for Institutes Engaged in A-bomb Survivors’ Medical Care was held at the request of Dr. Shizuteru Usui, president of the Hiroshima Prefectural Medical Association. The RERF chairman attended this meeting representing the foundation. The forum aims at establishing stronger ties among medical institutions in the local community to hand down to future generations the achievements and experiences of medical care, radiation effects research and peace campaigns accumulated in the atomic-bombed city of Hiroshima, without allowing them to fade away. The meeting was attended by 23 people representing 18 bodies within Hiroshima Prefecture/City, including A-bomb medical care organizations. In his speech at the start of the meeting, Dr. Usui gave an explanation of the forum’s charter, which was followed by institutional status reports from RERF, the Hiroshima Red Cross Hospital and Atomic-bomb Survivors Hospital, and the Hiroshima Atomic Bomb Casualty Council. The RERF chairman stated that, if discussions at the forum yielded productive results, they would be reported at a senior committee to be inaugurated this autumn (tentative name: New Blue Ribbon Panel).
6. Hosting conferences

RERF colloquiums, partnership program meetings, Workshop on Radiation and Cardiovascular Disease, and Chugoku-district Radiation Effects Research Meeting were held.

7. Public relations activities

Establishment of the Public Relations and Publications Office

In January of this year, RERF established a new Public Relations and Publications Office within its Secretariat charged with the responsibility of handling all of RERF’s public relations activities. Through this office, public relations will be managed, enhanced and fostered; for example by activities such as announcements of research achievements to the media, active holding of press conferences, establishment of a permanent exhibition room, updating of our website, and regular publication and enhancement of information sources including the RERF Newsletter and Update.

Open House

The annual Open House event for opening the RERF facilities to the general public was held on August 5-6 in Hiroshima and on August 8-9 in Nagasaki. The Hiroshima Laboratory had 1,062 visitors, and the Nagasaki Laboratory 306.

8. Publication of DS02

Copies of the DS02 Report were delivered from the printer this February. To date, about 200 copies have been sent overseas and 197 copies in Japan. About 200 copies are still on hand and will be distributed in the order they are requested, with the requesters paying shipping charges. As was the case with the DS86 publication, demand for a Japanese version is strong and we have thus started the relevant translation work. It was considered that specialists’ supervision would be required for completion of the work, due to the specialized terminology involved, and we have established a translation-supervising committee for the Japanese DS02 Report.

9. Participation in international conferences