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Press Material

Radiation Effects Research Foundation Summary Report of the 16th Meeting of the RERF Board of Councilors

The 16th Meeting of the RERF Board of Councilors was convened at Nagasaki Laboratory on June 17 and 18, 2026.

The main topics and results of the discussions are as follows.

I. Report of Activities and Settlement of Accounts

The implementation status of FY2025 activities were conveyed through reports of activities on international collaborative activities, including joint projects with overseas institutions, the settlement of accounts report, and the audit report and related statements. They were subsequently approved without objection.

II. Plans of Activities, Budget and Related Matters

Reports were given on the FY2026 plans of activities for research projects examining A-bomb survivors health, research projects on the health of A-bomb survivors children, research to elucidate individual radiation doses and the effects from A-bombs, projects to release research results and to collaborate with other scientific organizations, training programs for domestic and overseas specialists, public information programs, and other activities, and the operating budgets for the plans.

III. Recommendations of the Scientific Advisory Committee and RERF's Responses

The 53rd Scientific Advisory Committee meeting was held from March 4 to 6, 2026. The cross-departmental reviews this year focused on blood tumors and how they arise, the Trio Genome Study, and the Research Resource Center (RRC). The blood tumor studies were recognized for their potential—the provision of new insights into the biological mechanisms of disease development by elucidating the relationship between radiation exposure and blood abnormalities. It was confirmed that the Trio Genome Study—planned over approximately ten years—has progressed steadily and has been successfully launched, with the committee recognizing its high participation consent rates and the introduction of new methodologies that have contributed to its advancement. The establishment of the RRC was also recognized as making steady progress toward the organization and centralization of valuable research resources, including epidemiological and clinical data and biospecimens collected to date. Based on these findings, the Board discussed the recommendations of the Scientific Advisory Committee and RERF's responses thereto.

IV. Strategic Plan and Relocation of Hiroshima Laboratory

The strategic plan for achieving the mission assigned to RERF, the efforts to implement it, and the progress of the relocation to Kasumi Campus of Hiroshima University were explained. This was followed by a discussion.

V. Appointment of Councilors and Scientific Advisors

The BOC appointed successors to the Councilors and Scientific Advisors whose terms were set to expire at the close of the meeting. The terms of office will be held until the end of the regular BOC meeting held in the years specified in the parentheses “()” of the attached documents.

評議員の選任 Appointment of Councilors

任期は()年に開催される定時評議員会の終結の時まで

The term of office will be until the conclusion of the BOC meeting (regular) held in () year.

<p>伴 信彦 (2031) 原子力規制委員会 参事 Dr. Nobuhiko Ban (2031) Advisor Nuclear Regulation Authority</p>	<p>Dr. Gayle E. Woloschak (2031) 米国ノースウェスタン大学ファインバー グ医学研究科 放射線腫瘍学部 教授 Professor, Departments of Radiation Oncology, Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University</p>
<p>小林 正夫 (2028) 日本赤十字社中四国ブロック血液センター 相談役 Dr. Masao Kobayashi (2027) Consultant, Japanese Red Cross Chugoku-Shikoku Block Blood Center</p>	<p>Dr. Keith R. Yamamoto (2028) 米国カリフォルニア大学サンフランシスコ校 名誉教授、科学政策・戦略担当副総長 特別顧問、研究担当副総長、細胞・分子 薬理学名誉教授 Special Advisor to the Chancellor, Science Policy & Strategy, Vice Chancellor for Research, Emeritus Professor, Emeritus of Cellular & Molecular Pharmacology, UCSF</p>
<p>佐野 利男 (2029) 前原子力委員会委員・元軍縮会議日本政府 代表部大使 Mr. Toshio Sano (2029) Former Commissioner of Japan Atomic Energy Commission and Former Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament</p>	<p>Dr. Angela Bies (2029) 米国メリーランド大学公共政策学部 世界的慈善および非営利事業リーダーシ ップ寄付講座 准教授 Endowed Associate Professor of Global Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership, School of Public Policy, University of Maryland</p>
<p>早野 龍五 (2030) 東京大学名誉教授 Dr. Ryugo Hayano (2030) Emeritus Professor, The University of Tokyo</p>	<p>Dr. Jonathan M. Samet (2030) 米国コロラド公衆衛生大学院 教授、 前大学院長 Professor and former Dean, Colorado School of Public Health</p>

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<p>島田 義也 (2027) 公益財団法人 環境科学技術研究所 理事長 Dr. Yoshiya Shimada (2027) President, Institute for Environmental Sciences</p>	<p>Dr. Gayle E. Woloschak (2027) 米国ノースウェスタン大学ファインバーグ医学研究科 放射線腫瘍学部 教授 Professor, Departments of Radiation Oncology, Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University</p>
<p>今岡 達彦 (2028) 国立研究開発法人 量子科学技術研究開発機構 放射線医学研究所 放射線影響予防研究部 部長 Dr. Tatsuhiko Imaoka (2028) Director, Department of Radiation Effects Research Institute for Radiological Science, National Institutes for Quantum Science and Technology</p>	<p>Dr. Patrick Concannon (2028) 米国フロリダ大学医学部 病理学・免疫学・臨床検査医学科 名誉教授 Professor Emeritus, Department of Pathology, Immunology and Laboratory Medicine, College of Medicine, University of Florida</p>

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