

World Radiography Day: 8 November 2009

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World Radiography Day marks the anniversary of the discovery of X-rays in 1895. The purpose of this day is to raise awareness of radiographic imaging and therapy, which play a crucial role in the diagnosis and the treatment of patients and, most importantly, **ensuring radiation is kept to the minimum required**, hence improving the quality of patient care.

The 8th of November will be celebrated by radiographers worldwide as World Radiography Day to commemorate Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen's discovery. On this day in 1895, Professor Roentgen was working with cathode rays using evacuated glass bulbs. He noted that when a current passed across the bulb, a barium platino-cyanide screen fluoresced and furthermore he noted the effect of the phenomenon on photographic plates. He termed this new discovery 'X-Rays'. He further asserted that, with the use of these 'X-Rays' he was able to see through the body. Within three months of Roentgen's discovery, radiographs were generated in major cities.

The International Society of Radiographers and Radiological Technologists (ISRRT) would like to encourage radiographers all over the world to celebrate this great discovery. World Radiography Day is an annual international initiative intended to raise awareness of, and to stimulate an interest in, the profession of radiography. In addition it is aimed at highlighting the importance of radiography and the indispensable function it plays in the health care environment. Participation in this celebration could include exhibitions/open days and presentations on radiography as a career to the public and to potential students and also to other health professionals. The day may be used as an opportunity to sensitize, inform, and educate the public about radiography as well as what radiographers actually do.



The theme adopted by the ISRRT for the 2009 World Radiography Day celebration is:  
**'Radiographers Care About YOUR Protection'.**

The ISRRT has pledged its support to the 'Image Gently' campaign. The goal of this campaign is 'to change practice by increasing awareness of the opportunities to lower radiation dose in the imaging of children'.

The ISRRT encourages radiographers that while they are enhancing the theme of 'Radiographers care about YOUR protection' that they also incorporate the 'Image Gently' goal in their programs to celebrate 2009 World Radiography day .

