Letter from the ISRP President



Dear ISRP Members,

As we continue to build on the momentum of recent years, I want to take a moment to reflect on where we are as a Society and, more importantly, where we are headed together.

ISRP 2024 in Oxford was a tremendous success and a reminder of the value of coming together in person to share knowledge, strengthen professional connections, and advance the use of respiratory protection worldwide. I extend my sincere thanks once again to the European Section, the organizing committee, speakers, sponsors, and attendees who made Oxford such a meaningful and engaging event.

Looking ahead, I am excited to continue this momentum as we prepare for ISRP 2026 in Montreal, Canada. Planning is well underway, and I hope each of you will consider participating—whether as an attendee, presenter, committee member, or volunteer. Montreal will provide an excellent setting to showcase the depth and diversity of expertise within ISRP and to welcome new voices into our community.

As we grow toward ISRP 2026, increased participation across the Society remains essential. I ask each of you to consider reaching out to colleagues, collaborators, students, and professionals with an interest in respiratory protection and encouraging them to join ISRP. Expanding our membership strengthens our ability to share the workload, broaden perspectives, and increase our impact globally.

Succession planning and leadership engagement also remain important priorities. The Society continues to need greater involvement at both the Executive Committee and Section levels, including a European Section Chair, Americas Section Secretary, renewed engagement within the Greater Chinese Section, and reinvigoration of the Australasian Section. Strong sections are the foundation of a strong Society, and your participation, whether through leadership roles or committee service, makes a real difference.

The Journal of the ISRP (JISRP) continues to grow and succeed, serving as a key platform for sharing research, applied practice, and advancements in respiratory protection. Publishing your work open access in the JISRP is one of the most impactful ways to support ISRP, extend the reach of your work, and contribute to the Society's mission. I encourage you to consider the journal for your research papers, technical notes, case studies, and program evaluations.

Thank you for your continued commitment to ISRP and to the field of respiratory protection. Together, we can continue building a vibrant, engaged, and globally relevant Society. Please don't hesitate to reach out if I can support your involvement in any way.

Warm regards,

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Letter from the Editor



This issue of the JISRP features six manuscripts; two directly related to respirator fit testing, one examining the filtration efficiency of FFRs against nano-sized particulate, two addressing sizing and fit capability of FFRs and face masks within the general public, and one that suggests a regulatory framework for child-sized RPDs. I love how contributors to the JISRP continue to identify knowledge gaps and expand application of existing respiratory protection knowledge! I hope you will notice the growing need for non-occupational respiratory protection and the role the ISRP is playing in addressing these needs.

The JISRP shifted to a fully open access model in July 2024 which means we have completed our first full year under this new model; here is a brief update regarding the results. Over the past two issues, manuscript downloads have averaged 8,082 each, and full issue downloads have averaged 14,250. This is a drastic increase from our previous rates, far above our expectations and far above our peer-journals! Our next steps are to move the Journal onto the Scholastica platform which will allow us to move forward with DOI generation, improve article turn-around-time, and expand the editorial review board. Lastly, we will begin migrating our “legacy issues” onto the new Scholastica platform which will allow us to index our older articles and issue DOIs for these previously published articles.

As you read these fully open access manuscripts, please feel free to share links and tell others about these important topics. We also hope you will consider sharing your content with the JISRP readership. Collectively, we learned many lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic, and many have yet to be shared. Perhaps you have a recent conference presentation (Oxford 2024, AAAR, AIHA Connect), a case study within your workplace, a lesson-learned, or a more traditional scientific study that hasn’t been shared yet? Sharing your findings with the JISRP readership will expand our knowledge and contribute to the world’s leading collection of respiratory protection specialists.

All manuscript submissions must be through the Scholastica system; follow the instructions for authors found on the Journal webpage and look for the big red button to begin your manuscript submission! All published manuscripts are subject to the mandatory Open Access fees of: $1500 for non-ISRP members, $1000 for ISRP members, and $500 for student authors. Open Access fees cover the cost of publishing and making published materials available to non-society members. Please continue to send emails that are directly
for the Editor via JISRPeditor@isrp.com. I look forward to receiving your submission soon.

Sincerely,
Evan Floyd, PhD, CIH

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