

A Tribute to Genevieve S. Roessler, Ph.D.

Members of the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (the Board) wish to pay tribute to Dr. Genevieve S. Roessler. Gen, as she is known by the Board's members, is one of the original and longstanding members of the Board; appointed to the Board by President George W. Bush in 2001.

Dr. Genevieve Roessler grew up on a Minnesota farm, which meant that from an early age she did "boy's work"—driving horses and feeding cattle. Her dad taught her that girls can do anything boys can do, and that perspective prepared her for her early academic career in mathematics and science, where she was almost always the only female in her classes.

Gen earned a Bachelor of Arts in mathematics from Jacksonville University, in Florida, and a Master of Science in radiation biophysics and a Doctorate degree in radiological engineering from the University of Florida. A noted faculty member in the Department of Nuclear Engineering Sciences at the University of Florida for 22 years, she was the head of Health Physics and Medical Physics Department.

Dr. Roessler is a Past President of the Health Physics Society (HPS), a former editor of *Health Physics* (1982 to 1988), *HP News* (1992 to 2010), and the HPS website (1999 to 2011). She has received the HPS Founders Award and Distinguished Public Service Award. She is also a Life Member and Fellow of the HPS.

Gen was elected as a National Council on Radiation Protection Measurement (NCRP) member in 1990 and became a Distinguished Emeritus Member in 2003. She presented the Third *Thomas S. Tenforde Topical Lecture* at the 2019 NCRP Annual Meeting.

Gen served on a host of advisory committees during her career. She has served on many advisory committees including the Health and Environmental Research Advisory Committee, U. S. Department of Energy (DOE); Health and Safety Research Division Advisory Committee, Oak Ridge National Laboratory; Senior Technical Review Group for the Disposition of Weapons Grade Plutonium, DOE; Radiation Advisory Committee, Science Advisory Board, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Technical Steering Panel, Hanford Environmental Dose Reconstruction Project and Bi-national Advisory Group, Chernobyl Health Effects Study, National Cancer Institute.

From its inception, the Board has been fortunate to have Gen's knowledge and experience to rely on. It has also benefitted from her enduring collegial manner, her efficient chairing of work groups and her good company during our travel to meetings. Her presence will be greatly missed, but we wish her well in her retirement. She has served the Board and this country well.

This tribute is hereby adopted this 26th day of June 2024, at the 158th meeting of the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health by teleconference.