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Richard A. Meserve is Forty-Seventh L.S. Taylor Lecturer



Dr. Richard A. Meserve has been selected to give the 47th Lauriston S. Taylor Lecture at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP). The Lecture, entitled "Lessons from the Fukushima Daiichi Accident," will be the featured presentation at the 60th Annual Meeting to be held on March 25-26, 2024, at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda, Bethesda, Maryland. The Lecture will be given at 5:00 p.m. on March 25, 2024. The lecture series honors the late Dr. Lauriston S. Taylor, NCRP Founding President (1929 to 1977) and President Emeritus (1977 to 2004).

Dr. Meserve is senior of counsel with the law firm of Covington & Burling, LLP, where he was a partner. He focuses on issues at the intersection of law, regulation, science, and public policy. Dr. Meserve served as the ninth President of the Carnegie Institution for Science from April 2003 through August 2014. From 1999 to 2003, Meserve was chairman of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Early in his career, he served as legal counsel to President Carter's science and technology adviser and was a law clerk to Justice Harry A. Blackmun of the U.S. Supreme Court and to Judge Benjamin Kaplan of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. Dr. Meserve is former chairman of the International Nuclear Safety Group, chartered by the International Atomic Energy Agency. He is also a former chair of the Nuclear and Radiation Studies Board of the National Academies of Sciences and Engineering and has served as a member of the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future; the National Commission on Energy Policy; the National Academies Science, Technology, and Law Committee (co-chair); the National Academies Committee on Science, Engineering, and Public Policy; and the MIT Department of Nuclear Science and Engineering Visiting Committee. He serves on numerous legal and scientific committees, including many chartered by the National Academies of Sciences and Engineering.

For the National Academies, Dr. Meserve is Chairman of the Committee on Laying the Foundation for New and Advanced Nuclear Reactors in the United States; Co-Chair for the National Science, Technology and Security Roundtable; and a Member of the Committee on International Security and Arms Control. He is an Advisor to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences' (AAAS) Study of the Global Nuclear Future and a Member of AAAS's Committee on New Models for U.S. Science and Technology Policy. He was Chairman of the International Atomic Energy Agency's International Nuclear Safety Group from 2003 to 2022. Dr. Meserve is a Member of the Board of Directors for the Kavli Foundation, TAE Technologies, Inc., and the Energy Futures Initiative Foundation. He is a Fellow of AAAS, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Physical Society, and the Phi Beta Kappa Society.

Dr. Meserve earned a BA from Tufts University; a JD from Harvard Law School, where he was editor of the Harvard Law Review; and a PhD in applied physics from Stanford University. He has been honored with numerous awards over the years.

The theme of the 2024 NCRP Annual Meeting is "Advanced and Small Modular Nuclear Power Reactors." The L.S. Taylor Lecture and other sessions of the 2024 Annual Meeting are open to everyone with an interest in radiation protection, measurements, health, and science.

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