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\*\*\* WARMEST SEASON'S GREETINGS and best wishes to all our readers \*\*\*

1. A [lecture](#) on youtube is highly recommended, both by Powerwatch and by Revolt colleague Dr Angela Ovenston, who says it brings back many memories of early days in Revolt and brings new alarms with it now there is so much new technology in use. The lecture is by medical doctor Erica Mallery-Blythe and focuses on radio- and micro-wave EMF, rather than powerline fields per se, but many aspects carry over, both by analogy (e.g. differences between ICNIRP and IARC) and directly (e.g. some medical features, higher-frequency “dirty electricity” carried by powerlines, negative and positive studies, consistency, whom to believe, funding bias, and so on).
2. The day after watching Erica Mallery-Blythe’s lecture I was listening to the second 2014 BBC [Reith Lecture](#) on Radio 4, “*The Century of the System*”, on complexity and systems in healthcare, by Dr Atul Gawande. There was much resonance between the two lectures.
3. Hans Karow writes from British Columbia, Canada, to pass on a lament about EMF exposure and standards in Canada by Jerry Flynn, a former Captain in the Canadian military who worked for over 20 years in “Electronic Warfare” and “Signals Intelligence”. Jerry Flynn describes the Canadian standard Safety Code 6 as “virtually identical” to ICNIRP standards.
4. Flynn’s lament refers indirectly to the 47-country Council of Europe’s [cautionary report](#) of May 2011 which refers to both ELF and RF fields. The current [Wikipedia page](#) on ICNIRP also mentions this report, under “Criticism” (of ICNIRP), while noting in a long and rather laudatory introduction that the now 28-country EU has “adopted the ICNIRP guidelines and translated them into (its) own regulatory framework”.
5. National Grid’s ETYS 2014 ([news387](#)) may not be as comprehensive as we might have hoped. Alasdair Philips (Powerwatch) has noted some shortcomings, such as the French interconnector powerflow, and is in contact with NG. As futures become more uncertain, there is a problem (for everyone) with describing longer term potential developments. But, even with less certainty, it would be good to have a fuller long-term statement.

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