



A bi-weekly publication informative of current safety activities and developments taking place in the countries participating in the Extrabudgetary Programme (EBP) on the Safety of Nuclear Installations in South-East Asia, Pacific and Far East Countries

Special issue: 10th Steering Committee meeting of the ANSN

10th meeting of the ANSN Steering Committee Singapore, 20-22 October 2009

Twenty eight participants from twelve ANSN participating countries and a representative from ASEAN attended the meeting hosted by the National Environment Agency (NEA) of Singapore. The Steering Committee (SC) approved the nomination of Mr. Joseph Hui, Director-General the Environmental Protection of NEA as co-Chair, representing the host country. After Mr. Hui's opening and welcome address, Mr. Yokoyama, permanent co-Chair of the ANSN SC, delivered his address for this meeting. Mr. Mrabit, Head of the Safety and Security Coordination Section, IAEA made opening remarks on behalf of the IAEA and reported the ANSN activities since the last SC meeting in Indonesia.



He expressed the view that cooperation between the Global Nuclear Safety and Security Network (GNSSN), currently developed at the IAEA, and Regional Networks such as ANSN and the Ibero American network (FORO) would be mutually beneficial. He emphasized that ANSN would remain a valuable network for the development of the Regional Capacity Building (RCB) System in Asia, and that, while significant progress had been made, further proactive effort was needed to achieve the Vision for the ANSN by the year 2020, in particular to develop the three pillars of RCB System, i.e. virtual centre for regional education and training, pool of qualified experts, and virtual technical support organization (Virtual TSO) to

provide technical advisory service for new and creative knowledge.

Each country made a brief presentation on its recent nuclear safety issues relevant to ANSN and their views of on-going and future ANSN activities. The ANSN participating countries were actively working for the improvement of organizational and institutional infrastructure for nuclear safety, and that most of those countries had a number of challenges in their capacity building, including human resource development. The SC recommended them to further promote nationwide use of the ANSN website and to open more nuclear safety information produced by the ANSN for enhancing public awareness.

The recent improvement on the central ANSN site was presented by IAEA staff, along with the results of the recent IT Support Group meeting. The SC approved the themes of activities in 2010 as listed in the regional and national activity work plan prepared by the IAEA, based on the requests received by the countries and the TGs through the ANSN web site.

Establishing an implementation mechanism for the Vision for the ANSN by the year 2020 and strengthening the ANSN project management

Each Topical Group (TG) reported to the SC, in particular about the development of their midterm planning and proposed work plans for 2010 based on the Vision 2020. The TGs were encouraged to take initiatives to develop Virtual TSO and to start pooling qualified experts in their fields. In addition, it was of significant importance for the future of the ANSN that the SC approved the IAEA's proposal to establish a Vision Coordination Group (VCG) for coordinating and monitoring the TGs' activities for achieving the Vision 2020, in particular for developing the RCB System in Asia. The VCG is expected to make significant progress in the development of the RCB System and will report to



the next meeting of ANSN Nuclear Safety Strategy Dialogue to be held in April 2010 in Indonesia.



For improving the management of the programme of ANSN activities, IAEA announced its intention to strengthen the ANSN project management team by assigning an ANSN Programme Manager (PM) and Project Management Officers (PMOs) to the

TGs and VCG.

The SC agreed that ANSN activities should be evaluated based on outcomes of the programme rather than only on the outputs. In this regard, the VCG will explore appropriate performance indicators for assessing ANSN activities. The ANSN has been entering a new era of cooperative work based on the Vision 2020 to provide support in a timely and sustainable manner for responding to the increasing demand on the establishment of nuclear safety infrastructure in Asia, and the necessary coordination mechanism and the management support functions will be soon established as a result of the SC meeting for ensuring steady progress of implementation of the Vision 2020.

Recent and forthcoming ANSN activities and other IAEA activities in Asia:

Training Course on Regulatory Control for licensing of new NPP projects

Daejeon, Korea, 12-30 October 2009

Workshop on Operational Radiation Safety in Research Reactors

Malaysia, 19-23 October 2009

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Annual meeting of the Governmental and Regulatory Infrastructure Topical Group (GRITG)

Tokyo, Japan, 27-30 October 2009

Training Course on Safe Transport of Radioactive Material

Beijing, China, 2-6 November 2009

Safety Analysis Topical Group Meeting

Daejeon, Korea, 2-6 November 2009

Workshop on Siting

Kashiwazaki, Japan, 9-12 November 2009

Workshop on Infrastructure needed for Off-site and On-site Emergency Preparedness and Response Activity, and Medical Treatment

Malaysia, 16-20 November 2009

Consultancy meeting to develop IAEA Guidance on Verification and Validation of Computational Tools in Safety Analysis

Vienna, Austria, 23-27 November 2009

Workshop on Public Communication Programme establishment and management of NPP projects

China, 23-27 November 2009

The knowledge gained through the implementation of the ANSN activities is being progressively uploaded in the Asian Nuclear Safety Network (ANSN) knowledge base and can be accessed at <http://www.ansn.org>

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