



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

Round-table discussion on future enhancements of the ANSN Vienna, Austria, 15 September 2009

A round-table discussion on enhancements of the ANSN took place on 15 September, organised in the framework of the 53rd IAEA General Conference. About 50 participants attended this event which was sponsored by the Korean Institute of Nuclear Safety (KINS) in cooperation with the Agency. The participants came mainly from the ANSN participating countries, but also from Africa. In addition to recent development of ANSN, including its education and training programme for capacity building, discussions covered the future of ANSN activities and its cooperation with other regional networks.

The meeting was opened by DDG Taniguchi and a welcome address was delivered by Mr. Yun Choul-Ho, President of KINS. The round table discussions were chaired by Mr. Park Youn-Won, Director of the International Nuclear Safety School (KINS). In addition to presentations on the future of the ANSN, the Global Nuclear Safety and Security Network (GNSSN), the FORO (Ibero-American Network) and the newly created Forum of Nuclear Regulatory Bodies in Africa (FNRBA) were introduced.



Interesting discussions on how to improve the ANSN and the necessity to harmonize and optimise its activities with other mechanisms including the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Forum for Nuclear

Cooperation in Asia (FNCA) and networks took place.

Noting that Asia is the region most actively embarking on or expanding its nuclear power programmes, participants shared a view that expanding and strengthening Human and IT Network for regional capacity building of nuclear safety in Asia, through adequately achieving the ANSN Vision, was crucial for continuously improving safety regionally and internationally. It was pointed out that a cross-cutting Group, the Capacity Building Integrated Group (CBIG), should take initiatives to developing an interactive and dynamic regional capacity building system, and that the IT network of ANSN should be further advanced in this regard. Participants shared a view that cooperation among global and regional nuclear safety networks would be mutually beneficial and that the ANSN could be a good model for the new networks.

Bureau Meeting of the Siting Topical Group (STG) Daejeon, Korea, 3-4 September 2009

During the 2nd meeting of the Nuclear Safety Strategy Dialogue at Ministers and DGs level held in Seoul, Korea on 10 April 2009, "The Vision for the ANSN by the year 2020" was shared among the participants and it was agreed to launch a new Topical Group on siting related aspects in 2009 following a proposal from Korea and Vietnam. The Steering Committee of the ANSN confirmed that agreement to create a new Siting Topical Group (STG) during its 9th Meeting held in Indonesia last May. Korea and Vietnam offered to coordinate the new group. The objectives of the first Bureau Meeting, organized in KINS headquarters in Daejeon, from 3 to 4 September 2009, was to establish contact among the nominated Coordinators from Korea and Vietnam and the IAEA Technical Officer, to prepare the Terms of Reference for the STG and



the three years Action Plan.



The IAEA TO provided presentations on the recently established International Seismic Safety Centre (ISSC) at the Nuclear Installation Safety Division (NSNI) with the functions and responsibility of dealing with all aspects related

to site selection and evaluation for nuclear installations, including external hazards and engineering related matters. It was also presented an overview of the concepts, approaches and criteria applied in these areas in accordance to the current IAEA safety standards.

The Terms of Reference (ToR) for the STG were discussed and prepared based on existing ToR for other topical groups. The ToR include a clear definition of the objectives of the group, its organizational structure, its working methods, the budget and administrative arrangements for implementing the Action Plan, and the self-assessment in line with other topical groups.

The Action Plan for the next 3 years was discussed and prepared. It is mainly based on activities (i.e. workshops) for capacity building and on-line networking. The first workshop will be held during the 1st semester of 2010 in Vietnam as host country.

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

Round-table discussion on future enhancements of the Asian Nuclear Safety Network (ANSN)

organised in the framework of the 53rd IAEA General Conference

Vienna, Austria, 15 September 2009

Workshop on lessons learnt from the last Joint Convention Review Meeting, and annual meeting of the Radioactive Waste Management Topical Group (RWMTG)

China, 28-30-September 2009

IRRS mission to Vietnam

Vietnam, 28 September-9 October 2009

Information Technology Support Group (ITSG) meeting

Tokyo, Japan, 29 September-2 October 2009

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

10th Steering Committee Meeting of the ANSN

Singapore, 20-22 October 2009

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

Tokyo, Japan, 27-30 October 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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