

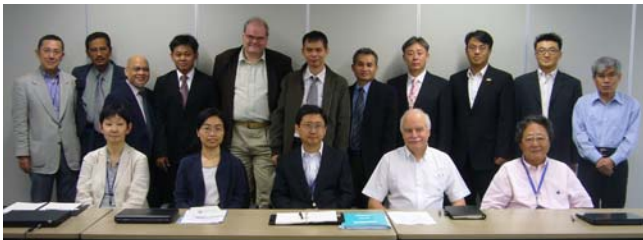


A bi-weekly publication informative of current safety activities and developments taking place in the countries participating in the Extrabudgetary Programme (EBP) on the Safety of Nuclear Installations in South-East Asia, Pacific and Far East Countries

5th Information Technology Support Group (ITSG) meeting Tokyo, Japan, 29 September-2 October 2009

The 5th Information Technology Support Group (ITSG) meeting was held in Tokyo, hosted by the Japan Nuclear Energy and Safety Organization (JNES). The group was informed of the “Vision for the ANSN for the year 2020” shared by the participants of the 2nd Strategy Dialogue meeting held on 10 April 2009 in Seoul, and agreed to actively participate in the implementation of the IT work for developing a Regional Capacity Building System.

After a live demonstration of the new main site known as ANSN.ORG, in reference to the address of the site: www.ansn.org, the group was impressed with the content and scope of the ANSN.ORG web site. The concept of a centralized user management was discussed, along with the role of the ANSN.ORG web site vs. the role of the national web sites.



In order to solve the conflict between the existing decentralised network and a fully centralised web site, a natural compromise would be to retain the capabilities of the local web sites, with the full responsibility of each country for their content and local management of their users. Each national site would have two distinct parts: strictly local pages in their national language that are provided to their local users, and some pages in English to be shared as part of the regional effort of developing a Regional Capacity Building System.

The ANSN.ORG site will form the backbone for managing the entire ANSN project and will be

used mainly by the Level 2 users, i.e. the ANSN management team, Steering Committee and Topical Group members. Current Single Sign-On capabilities will be maintained in an outgoing direction from the ANSN.ORG site, allowing national nodes to clearly identify users that have been given access to ANSN.ORG.

The home page of every national site will be standardized and will clearly give the users the possibility to visit either the local pages or to be directed to the ANSN.ORG site. In this configuration, the countries will have the important responsibility of maintaining an attractive and updated compatible ANSN site, on line with the high level of visibility of the ANSN system within Asia.

Annual meeting of the Radioactive Waste Management Topical Group (RWMTG) and Workshop on lessons learnt from the last Joint Convention Review Meeting Taiyuan, China, 28-30-September 2009

The annual meeting of the RWMTG, hosted by the Chinese Government through the China Institute for Radiation Protection (CIRP), was attended by representatives from China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam, together with representatives from France and the United States.

After opening addresses by Mr. X. Yiren, President of the CIRP, and Mr. B. Jiabin of the China Atomic Energy Authority, the RWMTG reviewed the 1st phase (2007-2009) of activities carried out by the RWMTG, and was informed on developments in radioactive waste management in the member countries, including the results of the Integrated Safety Evaluation (ISE). IAEA staff reported on recent ANSN activities, including the recent outcomes of the Nuclear Safety Strategy Dialogue and the Vision for the ANSN by the year 2020. Drawing on the results of the first phase of RWMTG activities and



member country requests, a proposal for the 2nd phase (2010-2012) RWMTG activities including both predisposal waste management and disposal was presented, along with efforts towards ratification of the Joint Convention.



The IAEA representative proposed that the scope of the 2nd phase activities be expanded to include decommissioning activities, radioactive waste generated from nuclear power plants, as well as clearance and discharge. After general discussion,

the following regional events were agreed to for 2010: evaluation of decommissioning waste including waste inventory and characterization, waste safety practices and establishing regulations for near surface disposal facilities, and promoting ratification of the Joint Convention.

Immediately following the annual meeting, the Workshop on Lessons Learnt from the 3rd Joint Convention Review Meeting was held to provide participants with further insight into the workings of the Joint Convention, and to encourage/assist them to accede to (e.g., ratify) the convention. The participants were informed of the highlights of the 3rd Joint Convention Review Meeting, the Chinese experience with compilation of the national report (including the review process before and during the review meeting), and the roles and duties of the officers of the Joint Convention.

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

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

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

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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