



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

Workshop on 6th meeting of the Information Technology Support Group (ITSG)

Vienna, Austria, 3 -5 March 2010

On 3-5 March 2010, the Information Technology Group (ITSG) held its 6th meeting, which was well-attended by representatives from Japan, Korea, Philippines, Malaysia, Vietnam, Thailand, and Indonesia and the IAEA. Mr. Khammar Mrabit, Head of Safety and Security Coordination Section, Safety and Security Department, IAEA, opened the meeting, highlighting its importance in facilitating “The Vision for the ANSN by the year 2020” (Vision 2020), in collaboration with the newly established Capacity Building Coordination Group (CBCG). After sharing the current status of the ANSN national centres website, the ITSG discussed IT support initiatives for efficiently and effectively implementing Vision 2020; in particular—developing and mobilizing a Regional Capacity Building System in Asia.

Since Vision 2020 anticipates a more dynamic and interactive ANSN, the ITSG discussed the major components of an IT concept to support Regional Capacity Building, which included: an e-Library, an expert-pool database, network communications—Webinars, etc., and an online nomination process; this will be the first step to the eventual development of an online assessment and planning system.

Japan has indicated their willingness to contribute to the development of the e-Library (one of the IT elements for establishing the Regional Capacity Building System). Furthermore, the Korea Institute of Nuclear Safety (KINS) demonstrated virtual communication via a Webinar between Dr. Yon-Won Park, Director, International Nuclear Safety School, KINS and Mr. Tomihiro Taniguchi, Deputy Director General, Head of the Department of Nuclear Safety and Security, IAEA. Mr. Taniguchi highlighted the importance of utilizing start-of-the-art IT technology and the vital role it will play in: 1) achieving a more interactive system of knowledge management where passive downloading of information could be further complemented with

active uploading; 2) using Webinars to strengthen the human network, face-to-face and in a more interactive and real time manner. Korea agreed to assist the IAEA in evaluation of the Webinar tool to facilitate effective, efficient and real time collaborative activities among ANSN member states.

The IAEA reported the rationale for online nomination process for regional as well as national activity requests and presented a conceptual workflow regarding the implementation approach. ITSG members agreed to explore the possibility of incorporating a mechanism in national centres websites to announce nomination process for regional events.

In addition, the IAEA informed ITSG members regarding the migration of Country Knowledge Base (CKB) to the ANSN website. Acknowledging that the CKB can play significant roles in identifying future needs of member states, ITSG members expressed their willingness to take their initiatives to integrate the CKB for the respective member states in their national centres websites.



During the meeting, a common layout for all the national centres websites was agreed upon to achieve a consistent visual identity.

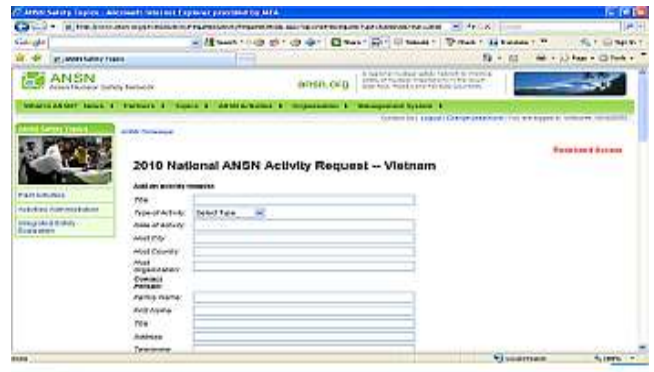


Online filing of regional needs:

During the 88th Issue of ANSN Newsletter, readers were briefed regarding the ISE (Integrated Safety Evaluation) system. Based on the ISE results and peer discussions, regional and national needs are identified and an annual work-plan is drafted. The ISE for 2009 was completed by the member states. Individual member states completed the process of submitting the regional as well as national requests within a pre-defined deadline. Details such as ISE justification, target audience, relation to past ANSN activities, the responsible IAEA officer, etc were filled while submitting the national activity requests. Based on the ISE results, the topical groups entered the regional activity requests online in the ANSN system. The national and regional requests were further submitted to IAEA for the technical officer's comments and thereafter to be acknowledged and approved by the Steering Committee.

This process is broadly termed as "Assessment and Planning". Furthermore, ANSN is now planning to structure the process by applying a new dimension of "Results Based Management Approach" wherein the objectives are determined; outputs are measured

and aligned to predefined outcomes. To facilitate this approach, one of the key steps was to facilitate the filing of regional needs or requests electronically.



The online filing process will contribute to fulfilment of participating member states needs in a more efficient and effective manner. It will also serve to implement the online nomination process which is the next initiative to be pursued as part of the "Assessment and Planning" component.

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

Consultancy Meeting to prepare the background information of ANSN activities

Vienna, IAEA, 25 January-3 February 2010

6th meeting of the IT Support Group (ITSG)

Vienna, IAEA, 3-5 March 2010

1st meeting of the Capacity Building Co-ordination Group (CBCG)

Tokyo, Japan, 29-31 March 2010

Expert mission to review Regulatory Document entitled "Regulatory Guidelines for Site Selection and Evaluation of Nuclear Power Plant"

Malaysia, 12-16 April 2010

3rd meeting of Nuclear Safety Strategy Dialogue

Yogyakarta, Indonesia, 22-23 April 2010

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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