

International Conference
Let's Communicate Ionising Radiation

November 26th 2013

Venue: IRSN, 31 avenue de la Division Leclerc,
92260 Fontenay-aux-Roses, Paris, France

Programme

- 10.00-10.10** **Welcome**
By Representative of IRSN
- 10.10-10.20** **Introduction to the conference**
Objectives and structure of the conference.
By Milena Marega, REC Slovenia
- 10.20-10.35** **EAGLE - Enhancing education, training and communication processes for informed behaviour and decision-making related to ionizing radiation risks**
Presentation of the EAGLE project, its aims, envisaged results and impact, potential benefits for end-users and the role of stakeholders.
By Tanja Perko, SCK-CEN
- 10.35-10.45** **Clarification questions and answers**

Challenges and key issues related to communication on ionising radiation

- 10.45-11.00** **General view on key challenges related to communication on ionizing radiation**
Communication on ionizing radiation as it is understood by scientific community and presentation of key challenges which should be addressed in the future.
By Edward Lazo, OECD/NEA
- 11.00-11.30** **View of public**
Public perception and demand on information provided by the information sources, challenges in access, clearance, comprehensiveness, other important open questions ...
By Patricia Lorenz, Friends of the Earth,
By Joeri El Hazimi, Consultant and
By Thomas Johnson
- 11.30-12.00** **Coffee break**
- 12.00-12.15** **View of information sources**
Preparation of information by information sources (how, who, what, when), an identification of different stakeholder's mission and their domains of decision, statements on the uncertainty and how it shapes the missions and decisions.
By Tellervo Taipale, FORATOM
- 12.15-12.30** **View of mass media**
How the news is formed, transfer from information sources to public, challenges with access and understandability of information, comprehensiveness, transparency and other important factors.
By Gregor Pucelj, Delo newspaper

12.30-13.30 Moderated discussions in 3 parallel working groups

Discussion and feedback on the existing needs and issues expressed by speakers in relation to project aims and envisaged results.

Working group 1

Moderated by Metka Kralj, ARAO

- *What kinds of information materials or activities are most appropriate for informing the public about the effects of ionizing radiation?*
- *What besides the quality and attractiveness of ETI materials is the most important criteria for its credibility in the eyes of the public? What about the importance of who the source is? (Its mission and image/reputation?)*
- *What are the main reasons for misconceptions about ionizing radiation and its effects on living systems?*
- *Which factors can influence public interest in understanding the effects of ionizing radiation on living systems?*

Working group 2

Moderated by Claire Mays, SYMLOG

- *Is there a need to improve the quality of information about IR risks currently available or currently delivered through the media?*
- *Should a larger diversity of information sources be sought?*
- *Are citizens sufficiently involved in decision-making about IR risks? What would happen if citizens participated more in this decision-making? How can the media support this?*
- *What are the political implications of more/better information and more/better participation?*

Working group 3

Moderated by Daniela Diaconu, INR

- *What would the public like to know about the IR? What is the best moment to receive information on IR (in the school, when a member of the public is confronted with an IR problem either medical or raised by nuclear energy, periodically)? What approach would be the best for an efficient transfer of information?*
- *Is any difference in the public perception between the IR used in medical application and coming from nuclear energy?*
- *What are the main features of a reliable information/communication source?*

13.30-14.30 Lunch Break

14.30-15.00 Reporting of the working groups

By Rapporteurs

15.00-16.00 Plenary discussion: New recognitions and their impact on the project development and implementation

Reflection of the audience on the results of the working groups.

By Gaston Meskens, SCK-CEN

16.00-16.30 Wrap up and follow up activities

By Nadja Železnik, REC Slovenia