

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the European Radiation Protection Authorities Network (ERPAN)

Date: 02nd June 2008

Venue: ASN, Paris

Participants:

1. Alvarez Carmen, Nuclear Safety Council, Spain
2. Coy Klaus, Bayerisches Landesamt für Umwelt, Bavarian Environment Agency, Germany
3. Economides Sotiris, Greek Atomic Energy Commission, Greece
4. Fennell Stephen, Radiological Protection Institute of Ireland, Ireland
5. Janzekovic Helena, Slovenian Nuclear Safety Administration, Slovenia
6. Jouve André, French Directorate General for Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection, France
7. Krembel David, French Directorate General for Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection, France
8. Kropacek Jan, State Office for Nuclear Safety, Czech Republic
9. Saxebol Gunnar, Norwegian Radiation Protection Authority, Norway
10. Stritt Nicolas, Swiss Federal Office of Public Health, Radiation Protection Division, Switzerland
11. Thomas Gareth, Health and Safety Executive, UK
12. Vermeulen Ton, Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment, Netherland
13. Watson Isabelle, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, UK
14. Wetelaers An, Federal Agency for Nuclear Control, Belgium

Apologies for absence:

1. Brigitte Hahn, Umweltministerium Baden-Württemberg, Stuttgart, Germany
2. Ekström Briggitta, Swedish Radiation Authority, Sweden
3. Majerus Patrick, Division de la Radioprotection, Luxembourg
4. Mancas Sorin, National Commission for Nuclear Activity Control, Romania

1. Introductions

Stephen Fennell (chairperson) welcomes all the participants and thanks André Jouve for organising the venue at the ASN headquarters.

2. Approval of minutes from preliminary ERPAN meeting in June 2007

The last minutes are approved without any comment.

All the presentations listed below are posted on the restricted area of the ERPAN website under the following address:

http://www.eu-alara.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=85&Itemid=48

For Username and password please see email from Nicolas Stritt from 28th of December 2007.

3. Review of the ERPAN activities from 2006 until 2008

by Stephen Fennell

4. Extremity doses in nuclear medicine in Germany

by Klaus Coy

5. Inspection of research laboratories

- **Inspection of research laboratories in Slovenia**
by Helena Janzekovic
- **Inspection of research laboratories in Scotland**
by Isabelle Watson

Gareth Thomas enquired how each country license's research laboratories using radiation:

License individual rooms/ laboratories in which the work takes place	License buildings in which the work takes place	License the employer at a premises which may include many buildings
Switzerland	Belgium	Ireland
Germany	Netherlands	UK
Greece	Spain	France
Czech Republic		
Slovenia		
Norway		

6. Recent Incidents

- **Release of Tritium in a river in Switzerland**
by Nicolas Stritt
- **Fire involving Am-241 smoke detectors in UK**
by Gareth Thomas
- **Over exposition event during gammagraphy operation in Spain**
by Carmen Alvarez

7. Joint inspection of irradiator in Bavaria

by Klaus Coy and An Wantelaers

8. Enforcement and prosecution in Czech Republic

by Jan Kropacek

9. Election of chairman, deputy and secretary

According to the terms of reference, the chairman, the deputy and the secretary should be reelected every two years. All three persons agree to continue for another period of two years. The following persons were nominated for the next two year term of the ERPAN:

- Chairperson: Stephen Fennell
- Deputy Chairperson: Gareth Thomas
- Secretary: Nicolas Stritt

10. Date and venue for next meeting

The date of the next meeting will coincide with the Summer meeting of the EAN. Therefore the next meeting of the ERPAN will be held at the ASN headquarters, 6 Place Colonel Bourgouin, Paris, on Wednesday 27th of Mai 2009 from 9h30 until 16h30.

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- Sotiris Economides proposed an ERPAN working group (say 2 -3 people) to develop inspection protocols for specific uses of radiation for regulators across Europe. He suggested specific examples of the inspection of research laboratories, digital mammography, interventional radiology and radiotherapy. The meeting agreed that this could be useful with a view to helping to harmonise inspections. Sotiris agreed to develop the proposal further (i.e. what would be the end product, how would we achieve it, etc) and draft a proposal for discussion at the next meeting.
- Klaus Coy informed the group the Germany have recently revised their restrictions on activity in drinking water.

- Gareth Thomas informed the meeting of a new portable (no shielding) CT scanner for heads scans on hospital wards. The equipment is being imported into the UK from the US. Stephen Fennell commented that a hospital in Ireland had considered obtaining such a device but that careful consideration of shielding requirements would have to be made. Other countries should look out for these devices and may like to contact Gareth or Stephen if they require further information.
- Gareth Thomas enquired if anyone was participating in the EC ALARA NORM Network. No one was, although Stephen Fennell commented that there would be a short presentation on it at the EAN meeting the following day. He would forward contact details to Gareth.
- Helena Janzekovic mentioned that she is on the EC Article 31 group and involved with the BSS Recast of one of the Titles. No other ERPAN members are part of the Article 31 BSS Recast.
- Ton Vermeulen circulated a paper reviewing dosimetry for employees in Netherlands.
- Gunnar Saxebol suggested topics for the next meeting in 2009 of incidents, license details, and non-ionising radiation responsibilities of members.

For the Minutes: Nicolas. Stritt, secretary