

Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the European Radiation Protection Authorities Network (ERPAN)

Date: 27nd May 2009

Venue: ASN, Paris

Participants:

1. Alvarez Carmen, Nuclear Safety Council, Spain
2. Cellier David, French Directorate General for Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection, France
3. Chappé Philippe, French Directorate General for Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection, France
4. Coenen Simon, Federal Agency for Nuclear Control, Belgium
5. Economides Sotiris, Greek Atomic Energy Commission, Greece
6. Fennell Stephen, Radiological Protection Institute of Ireland, Ireland
7. Brigitte Hahn, Umweltministerium Baden-Württemberg, Stuttgart, Germany
8. Janzekovic Helena, Slovenian Nuclear Safety Administration, Slovenia
9. Jouve André, French Directorate General for Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection, France
10. Krembel David, French Directorate General for Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection, France
11. Kropacek Jan, State Office for Nuclear Safety, Czech Republic
12. Maffre Julien, French Directorate General for Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection, France
13. Marchal Carole, French Directorate General for Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection, France
14. Stritt Nicolas, Swiss Federal Office of Public Health, Radiation Protection Division, Switzerland
15. Schneider Frederic, French Directorate General for Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection, France
16. Schuurmann Paul, Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment, Netherland
17. Thomas Gareth, Health and Safety Executive, UK
18. Tor Wonni, Norwegian Radiation Protection Authority, Norway
19. Watson Isabelle, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, UK

Apologies for absence:

1. Ekström Briggitta, Swedish Radiation Authority, Sweden
2. Majerus Patrick, Division de la Radioprotection, Luxembourg
3. Mancas Sorin, National Commission for Nuclear Activity Control, Romania

1. Introductions

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

2. Approval of minutes from previous ERPAN meeting in June 2008

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

Username ERPAN, password paris2006

3. Portable X-ray device for dentist

by Paul Schuurman

Following Paul's presentation, a discussion started about technical and legal aspects of such device. Paul will launch a survey amongst ERPAN members about portable X-ray device for dentist in Europe.

4. Training of inspectors under ISO 17020 in Ireland

by Stephen Fennell

5. New developments / trends in medicine

- a. Mobile CEREATOM CT head scanner (UK), by Gareth Thomas
- b. Mobile PET-CT units (Switzerland), by Nicolas Stritt
- c. Selective internal radiotherapy" (SIRT), (Germany), by Brigitte Hahn

6. Recent incidents in Europe

- a. Approach for orphan sources (contaminated steel cases), (Belgium), by Simon Coenen
- b. I-release incident at IRE (Institute for radioelements), 2008, (Belgium, by Simon Coenen

7. BSS, ICRP recommendation

by Helena Janzekovic (Slovenia)

8. Joint inspection of irradiator in Bavaria

Some examples of joined inspections between France and Switzerland, Norway and Scotland, UK and Ireland were briefly mentioned. ERPAN members are encouraged to organize such joined inspections and to present the result and benefits of such joined venture in the next ERPAN meeting..

9. Date and venue of the 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 Monday the 7th of June 2010 from 9h30 until 16h30.

10. AOB

- The NEA's Expert Group on Occupational Exposure (EGOE) is reviewing the application of dose constraints in both the nuclear and non-nuclear sectors with a view of making a submission to ICRP in the context of ICRP 103. ERPAN has been requested to provide some information on the use of dose constraints for occupationally exposed workers in the non-nuclear sector. A request for information will be sent by Stephen Fennell (RP11)
- A working group will be created by IRPA to provide some input into the ALARA approach to the radiation protection culture. ERPAN members are welcome to participate in this working group. Our colleague Soritos Economides (GAEC) shows interest in participating.
- A General questionnaire about the organization / firms representing country in the ERPAN meeting will be launched by Helena Janzekovic. The questionnaire will be presented at the next meeting in 2010.
- The European ALARA Network (EAN) has suggested that an article on the use of fluorine-18 in biomedical research, as discussed recently by ERPAN, could be included in the next issue of the ALARA newsletter. David Cellier to prepare an article based upon ERPAN responses to his query

For the Minutes: Nicolas. Stritt, secretary