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The documents distributed during the meeting are available in the private area of the EAN website (see list in Annex A). Please use the following information to log-on:

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1. DISCUSSION ON FINANCIAL ASPECTS

Information on the final accounts for 2014 and the budget for 2015 can be found in the minutes of the Administrative Board meeting (CRR/EAN/AB/21).

It shall be noted that an action for gathering more Members in EAN has been launched.

2. EAN STRATEGIC AGENDA FOR THE 2015 – 2020 PERIOD

2.1. Validation of the draft Agenda

The draft document of the *EAN Strategic Agenda for the 2015 – 2020* has been sent to the Members prior to the meeting to gather comments and corrections. Additional comments and corrections have been received during the meeting, notably regarding the future relationship of EAN with EUTERP and EFOMP. These comments and corrections need to be taken into account.

Action: All: The draft document will be available for download in the private section of the EAN website (www.eu-alara.net). The final comments on the document can be sent to Mr. Andresz (sylvain.andresz@cepn.asso.fr) by the end of the year 2014. The EAN Strategic Agenda will then be put online.

It has been decided that Members should take the lead on the promotion of EAN through social network:

- On LinkedIn. **Action: Mr. Perez-Mulas** will investigate the possibilities of communication on LinkedIn. It should be noted that the “ALARA” competence already exists on LinkedIn.
- The possibility of creating a Twitter account for EAN (like, for example the Twitter accounts of French ASN or IRSN) has also been discussed but this requires more reflection (“what does EAN have to tweet?”)
- Creating a Facebook account for ALARA is also a possibility. It should be noted that an account “ALARA in NPPs” already exist – this account was created by trainees after the ALARA course that took place in Barsebäck NPP Training Center, Sweden, in 2011.

Regarding the involvement of the younger generation, it has been emphasized that every EAN Member should involve young colleagues in the EAN activities. These young colleagues are encouraged to publish articles in the EAN Newsletter (which can be regarded as a ‘springboard’ for them), and to help the Members in drafting the ALARA News as well as to promote EAN through social media.

2.2. Relation with ICRP

The last meeting of representatives of ICRP Special Liaison Organisations took place the 4th November 2014 in London. The EAN Chair, Mr. Vermeersch, participated to this meeting and presented EAN and its activities (Annexe A, document 3). Today, Mr. Vermeersch presented a summary of the discussion to the Members (Annexe A, document 4).

The main objectives of the ICRP meeting were to help answering two questions:

- What is the role of ICRP in interactions with the public, and what collaborative actions could be taken in this area?
- How should stability and evolution of the System of Radiological Protection be balanced?

Arising from the first question, the participants of the meeting noted that it could be beneficial for ICRP to communicate key aspects of its role and the system of radiological protection to a broader audience. This might be achieved by writing short and easily accessible documents describing the rationale and key elements of the system of radiological protection. An accessible summary of each future ICRP publications has also been judged beneficial.

The Members noted that EAN could offer ICRP to review the draft of these short and accessible documents.

The next meeting between ICRP and Special Liaison Organizations is planned to be in conjunction with ICRP 2015, in October 2015 in Seoul, South Korea.

2.3. Relation with EFOMP: Cooperation Agreement

Prior to the meeting, Mrs. P. Allisy-Roberts (EFOMP) sent an amended version of the 2009 Cooperation Agreement between EAN and EFOMP (see Annexe A, document 5). The two organizations agree to establish a partnership in order to exchange information, cooperate in the European Medical ALARA Network and work together in several areas of activity.

Some comments from the Members have been gathered. The Cooperation Agreement will be re-drafted and then signed by the two Chairs.

2.4. Output of the coordination meeting EAN/IAEA

The coordination meeting between IAEA and seven international ALARA networks took place on the 3rd December 2014, at the occasion of the IAEA Conference on the Radiation Protection of Workers. Mr. Vermeersch represented EAN and summarised the meeting to the Members (see Annexe A, document 6).

- ISOE, EAN and ARAN Networks are working normally; these networks organize regular meetings, workshops and elaborate documents and recommendations.
- ISEMIR has produced two IAEA TechDoc documents (not yet published). One document deals with interventional cardiology and the other with industrial radiography. The elements of the TechDoc on industrial radiography should be considered in the organization of the 16th EAN Workshop.

It has been noted during the meeting that the sustainability of the networks strongly depends on the enthusiasm of its members and their financial support. Notably, the RECAN network is facing difficulties and the possibility for some organizations from RECAN to join EAN has been discussed with Mr. Ziliukas from RSC in Lithuania and member of RECAN. It has been noted that EAN Members will surely accept people who are interested and enthusiast in participating to the activities of EAN.

The next meeting between IAEA and the ALARA networks is planned to be in conjunction with IRPA meeting in 2016 (South Africa).

2.5. Relation with EUTERP

Mr. Paynter presented EUTERP (European Training and Education in Radiation Protection) and its activities to EAN Members. EUTERP aims at supporting the harmonization of radiation protection education, promoting the integration of radiation protection education and training into general training and act as a platform of exchange in these fields. Notably, EUTERP participates to ENETRAP 3 project for drafting guidance addressed to RPOs and works with HERCA. The next EUTERP workshop will deal with the implication of the new EU BSS in the field of training in radiation protection (workshop is planned to be in Athens, 30th September – 2nd October 2015). The activities of EUTERP are presented through its website (<http://www.euterp.eu>) and its bi-annual newsletter.

EAN and EUTERP already worked together in the organization of a workshop on Education and Training in Radiation Protection (EAN 15th Workshop/EUTERP 5th Workshop) who took place in Rovinj, Croatia in May 2014.

EAN Members and EUTERP Chair agreed to continue this cooperation; EUTERP can notably use its network to find speakers for EAN 16th Workshop. Furthermore, observers from EAN will be invited to EUTERP steering group meetings and vice-versa.

2.6. 2015-2020 Strategic Agenda activities follow-up

2.6.1. 16th EAN Workshop

The next EAN workshop will be devoted to ALARA in Industrial Radiography and Non-Destructive Testing. It will take place from 14th to 16th March 2016 at Bern in Switzerland and is organized by the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health (OFSP).

The 1st Programme Committee meeting took place the 25th June 2014 in Geneva. It was decided that the workshop will take place at the Kursaal, in the Hotel Allegro. A technical visit will be organized at SWAN company which produced radio-isotopes using a cyclotron.

The targeted audience for the workshop is regulators, radiography companies and radiographers, clients and operators, equipment suppliers and manufacturers, and training providers. 80 participants at most are expected. EAN contacts, as well as EUTERP and EFNDT networks, will be used to find and select the speakers.

The first announcement of the workshop will be made by email in March 2015 and flyers send in September 2015.

The next meeting of the Programme Committee will be the **8th June 2015**, in conjunction with the next EAN SG meeting.

All EAN members are pleased to investigate and inform N. Stritt about potential presenters.

2.6.2. 17th EAN Workshop

The 17th EAN Workshop (Autumn 2017) should relate to one of the priority areas of EAN, as selected in the *EAN Strategic Agenda 2015 – 2020*. These areas are:

- Radon and NORMs, notably in the conjunction with the implementation of the new EU BSS; however, EAN has already addressed these topics during its 14th Workshop (Dublin, 2012). .
- Industrial Radiography; but EAN 16th Workshop is precisely organized on this topic.
- Emergency and post-accident situations and how is the ALARA principle applied in these contexts (workers, responders, public).

The Members agreed that the latter issue - ALARA in post-accident situation - could be an interesting topic for the EAN workshop. It could be organised in cooperation with NERIS platform together with the ARAN Network (Asia). The hosting country could be France, maybe in Grenoble. This proposal has to be submitted to NERIS and ARAN before approval.

2.6.3. Diffusion of EAN work and recommendations – EAN Newsletter

The recommendations of EAN 16th workshop will soon be published in a forthcoming issue of the Journal of Radiological Protection. The publication of the recommendations in a French equivalent journal is also expected, but will take probably more time. The recommendations are also available on the EAN and EUTERP website.

Regarding the EAN Newsletter, Members agreed to say that it is a gentle way for young people to publish their first articles. So the Newsletter is also a mean to involve younger generation into EAN.

There is currently no article for the EAN 36th issue (to be published in February/March 2015). The Members have proposed several articles:

- Result of the EAN request on the radiological protection of aircrew. **Action: Mr. Andresz.**
- ALARA in a research centre. **Action: Mr. Vermeersch.**
- The Swiss radium action plan. **Action: Mr. Stritt.**
- An article related to a recent OTHEA report in the field of industrial radiography **Action: Mr. Shaw.**

The articles should be sent as soon as possible to the Editorial Board.

It has also been decided to made a call for articles on the EAN website **Action: Mr. Andresz.**

2.7. Information on CONCERT

Mrs. Schmitt-Hannig presented the CONCERT project to the Members.

In September 2014, a new ambitious project, called CONCERT, gathering 70 organizations and institutions from 23 countries has been proposed to the European Commission as a response to the 2013 EURATOM research call. The CONCERT project aims to identify and address radiation protection research areas and development priority needs for the coming years. All areas of the radiation protection will be investigated. CONCERT will be funded by the European Commission (70 %) and by the countries (30 %).

2.8. Information on TRASNUSAFE

The TRASNUSAFE project is now completed. Education materials have been elaborated by Members and presented during dedicated courses (for example by Mr. Croûail in Manchester in November 2013). Education materials are available on EAN website and can be used by Members.

The organization of payment by the European Commission is in progress.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

3.1. OTHEA

Two industrial radiography incidents have been added to the OTHEA database (www.othea.net).

As pointed out in the next meeting, OTHEA is running out of incidents to be published. It has been requested that each Member shall provide at least one incident per year – **action: All members.**

3.2. ALARA News

The ALARA News send before the meeting are included in a separate document (ALARA/NEWS/EAN/5DECEMBER14) which is available on the EAN website.

It is still possible to add News in the document. The information must be sent to Mr. Andresz (sylvain.andresz@cepn.asso.fr).

Members recognized that drafting the ALARA News is time consuming and that it is difficult to send the ALARA News before the meeting (as it is expected). It has been decided that Members should at least send the main points of their ALARA News prior to the meetings.

4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Steering Group meetings will take place on **June 9th 2015** on CEPN premises at Fontenay-aux-Roses. The Programme Committee Meeting of the 17th Workshop will be held the **8th June 2015** at the same location.

Please note that a new connection by tramway (T6 line) between *Châtillon-Montrouge* metropolitan station and CEPN (*Division Leclerc* station) is now available.

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ANNEX A. LIST OF DOCUMENTS DISCUSSED DURING THE STEERING GROUP MEETING

1. Meeting agenda.
2. European ALARA Network Strategic Agenda 2015 – 2020.
3. EAN and its Activities, F. Vermeersch.
4. Feedback from ICRP Liaison Meeting November 2014, F. Vermeersch.
5. Cooperation Agreement between EAN and EFOMP – 2014 version.
6. Feedback on the meeting of ALARA Networks, F. Vermeersch.
7. ALARA News