



To the attention of organization with an interest in the ALARA principle.

Dear Sir or Madam,

The European ALARA Network (EAN) was created in 1996 by the European Commission to further European research on optimization of radiation protection (ALARA), and to facilitate the dissemination of good ALARA practices between Member States.

Since 2005, EAN has been a self-supporting network (registered as an independent legal entity under French law) with an international reputation for promoting the practical implementation of ALARA in all sectors where ionising radiation is applied. Nuclear Evaluation Protection Centre (CEPN, France) took on the role of the Network Coordinator, with Public Health England (PHE, United Kingdom) acting as assistant co-ordinator.

The objectives of EAN are to:

- Promote a wider and more uniform implementation of the ALARA principle for the protection of workers, patients and the public in all radiation exposures situations.
- Provide a focus and a mechanism for the exchange and dissemination of information from practical ALARA experiences.
- Identify and investigate topical issues of common interest to further improve the implementation of ALARA and the protection of persons.

EAN regularly organizes Workshops on specific topics related to the optimisation of radiological protection. The presentations, conclusions and recommendations of each Workshop can be found on the EAN website (www.eu-alara.net). The European ALARA Newsletter is published every 6 months, which includes ALARA-related articles (evolution of regulations, results of research, feedback from ALARA operations, lessons learned from incidents, etc.) as well as experts' viewpoints and other ALARA information and news.

The activities of EAN have been supported for many years by its member organisations making available their experts and also contributing by hosting ALARA workshops. In addition, 75 % of these organisations provide an annual coordination fee, which is typically 7000 EUR (or sometimes less). A founding principle of EAN is that such fees are not mandatory – membership is open to all. However, without these contributions, EAN would not be able to operate. We would like you to consider sponsoring EAN through providing an annual coordination fee. In doing so, you would automatically become a member of the EAN Administrative Bureau, and help ensure the continued success of EAN.

Please do not hesitate to ask for further information.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Fernand Vermeersch".

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