I. BACKGROUND

There is high interest internationally in both developing and industrialized countries in the design of innovative supercritical water cooled reactors (SCWRs). This interest arises from the high thermal efficiencies (44-45%) and improved economic competitiveness promised by this concept, which utilizes and builds upon the recent developments of highly efficient fossil power plants. The SCWR is one of the six concepts included in the Generation-IV International Forum (GIF).

In support of Member States’ efforts in the area of SCWRs, the IAEA started in 2008 a Coordinated Research Project (CRP) on “Heat Transfer Behaviour and Thermo-hydraulics Code Testing for SCWRs”. The two key objectives of this CRP are: 1) To establish accurate databases for heat transfer, pressure drop, blowdown, natural circulation, and stability for conditions relevant to supercritical pressure fluids, and 2) To test analysis methods for SCWR thermohydraulic behaviour, and identify code development needs. Annual Research Coordination Meetings take place under the framework of this CRP once a year to assess the progress of the project. These meetings are mainly focused on programmatic issues associated with the project and very little time is available for discussion on details and specific technical areas.

This is why during the 2\textsuperscript{nd} Research Coordination Meeting for this CRP held in Vienna in August 24-27, 2009, Member States expressed an interest in organizing a technical meeting in which specialists in the areas of heat transfer and thermal-hydraulics, thermodynamics and systems design for supercritical water cooled reactors would have the opportunity of participating in extended technical discussions on the details associated to the science and engineering of supercritical water cooled reactor concepts. The University of Pisa kindly offered to host such a technical meeting.
II. OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the meeting is to provide a platform for detailed presentations and technical discussions leading to exchange of results, fostering world-wide collaboration in research activities, improving the communication between industry (utilities, vendors etc.), regulatory organizations and research organizations, and to review and update the science and engineering of supercritical pressure water cooled reactor concepts.

The meeting will have the following main objectives (with an emphasis on application and design issues):

- To review progress in the development of correlations, equations and methods to describe the heat transfer behaviour with fluids under supercritical pressure conditions;
- To evaluate comparisons of analyses and numerical predictions of thermal-hydraulics codes against theoretical estimates and experimental data;
- To review the status of core design and neutronics studies for current SCWR concepts;
- To review the status of current SCWR concepts, system design and approach to safety.

As usual in this type of meeting, the programme will include a discussion session to enable participants to contribute to the summary and highlights of the meeting and to make recommendations to the IAEA on future work in this field.

III. TOPICS TO BE COVERED

Papers are invited on all aspects of heat transfer, thermal-hydraulics and system design for supercritical water cooled reactors. Experimental and theoretical/modelling studies will be considered.

The following topics, with emphasis on application and design issues for SCWRs, have been identified as being of particular interest:

- Heat Transfer (including fluid-to-fluid scaling), thermal-hydraulics and thermodynamics for SCWRs;
- Critical flow during blowdown from supercritical pressures;
- Stability issues for SCWRs;
- Natural circulation in SCWRs;
- Core design and neutronics for SCWRs;
- Design of safety system and related aspects for SCWRs.

IV. ORGANIZATION

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V. DEADLINE FOR PAPERS AND PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING

The meeting may be attended only upon official designation. Participants should complete the attached Forms A and B (if applicable) and send them, together with an abstract of approximately 500 words to the appropriate national authority (Ministry of Foreign Affairs or National Atomic Energy Authority) for subsequent transmission to the IAEA, not later than April 30, 2010 (Deadline Extended to May 16, 2010), with copies to the IAEA Scientific Secretary, Dr. Sama Bilbao y León and to the Meeting Coordinator, Prof. Walter Ambrosini.
The abstracts should summarize the content and principal conclusions of the paper the author intends to present during the technical meeting.

Authors will be notified about the acceptance of their paper(s) on the basis of the abstract submitted and the preliminary programme will be issued by May 31, 2010. Those authors whose papers are accepted will be asked to prepare full papers for publication in the proceedings of the Technical Meeting. They will receive guidelines for the preparation of the full papers and will be requested to submit their full papers in MS Office Word format and their presentations in Power Point format by June 21, 2010. All accepted abstracts will be reproduced in unedited form in the Book of Abstracts, which will be distributed at registration.

The proceedings of the Technical Meeting containing presentations, conclusions and recommendations will be published by the IAEA as soon as possible after the meeting.

The IAEA reserves the right to refuse the presentation or publication of any paper that does not meet the expectations raised by the information originally given in the abstract.

VI. VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION

The meeting, hosted by the University of Pisa, will be mainly held at the Centro Ricerca Termica (CRT) of ENEL SpA in Pisa, Italy.

Delegates should arrange their accommodation directly with their hotels (a list of recommended options will be provided in the meeting website). Meals will be available at the ENEL Centre cafeteria.

Optionally, an additional fifth day will be set aside for a technical visit to the ENEA Brasimone Center.

Further details regarding travel arrangements and social events will be provided to participants at the meeting website:

http://www-pub.iaea.org/MTCD/Meetings/Announcements.asp?ConfID=38683

Designated participants who require a visa to enter Italy should submit the necessary application form in due time to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of Italy.

VII. EXPENDITURES

In accordance with the established rules, Governments or other national authorities are expected to bear the travel and other costs of designated participants in the Technical Meeting. Limited funds are, however, available to help cover the cost of participants from Member Stated eligible to receive technical assistance under the IAEA’s Technical Cooperation Programme. Such assistance can be offered, upon specific request, to one participant per country provided that, in the IAEA’s view, this participant will make an important contribution to the meeting. The application for financial support should be made at the time of designation of the participant.
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VIII. WORKING LANGUAGE

The working language of the meeting will be English. All communications, abstracts, and papers must be sent in English.
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