KEY DEADLINES

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Electronic submission of two page synopses

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Submission of Form A and if applicable, Forms B and C through official channels

1 August 2011
Notification to authors on acceptance of papers and financial support

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Conference

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CONFERENCE WEB SITE

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BACKGROUND

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has promoted and fostered the exchange of scientific and technical information on research reactors (RR) for many years. In recent years, the IAEA has organized major international conferences every four years on topics of interest to the RR community. The last such meeting was the International Conference on Research Reactors: Safe Management and Effective Utilization in Sydney, Australia, in November 2007.

Significant issues still being faced by the RR community are primarily related to utilization, operation and safety, ageing, decommissioning and waste management. More recent challenges, such as initiatives for new RR facilities, securing isotope production, human resources and infrastructure capacity building, and sustainability of RR programmes, are receiving greater attention. In view of the continuing interest in these topics and in a wide range of additional issues, it is timely to convene another in the series of international conferences to discuss the issues, report progress and plans, exchange information and foster cooperation among the worldwide research reactor community.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this conference is to foster the exchange of information on current and new research reactors and to provide a forum for reactor users, operators, managers, regulators, designers and suppliers to share experiences, exchange opinions and discuss common challenges, options and strategies.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The conference programme will consist of an opening session, technical sessions with invited and contributed papers, parallel satellite meetings, poster sessions and a closing panel session. Invited papers will address issues of special interest. The closing panel session will summarize the principal observations made during the conference and address important issues raised by the audience. At the end, summary conclusions and recommendations will be presented and discussed.

A technical tour to the CNESTEN Nuclear Research Centre facilities, including TRIGA Mark II research reactor, in Maamora is planned for Friday afternoon, 18 November. Additional information about the tour can be found on the conference website as it becomes available.

TOPICS OF INTEREST

The conference will have a number of technical sessions dealing with specific topical areas. While most papers will focus on one of the principal areas below, authors are encouraged to consider integration with the other areas, as appropriate. The topical areas are grouped below under five major headings:

- Utilization and Applications of Research Reactors
- Operation and Maintenance New Research Reactor Projects
- Safety of Research Reactors
- Spent Fuel Management, Waste and Decommissioning.

TARGETED AUDIENCE

The conference is dedicated to the worldwide research reactor community, including reactor users, operators, managers, regulators, designers and suppliers.

SIDE EVENTS

Exhibitions on research reactor technology, related instrumentation, research reactor products and services, as well as satellite meetings are expected to take place during the conference.

WORKING LANGUAGE

The working language for the conference is English.

REGISTRATION FEE

No registration fee is charged to participants.

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

The full conference announcement, call for papers as well as other information on participation, grants, paper submission and registration is available on the IAEA web site:

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